

# Minutes

of the Meeting of the

## Adult Services & Housing Policy & Scrutiny Panel

**Friday, 26th June 2015**

held at the Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.

Meeting Commenced: 10.30 am Meeting Concluded: 11.30 am

### Councillors:

P Reyna Knight (Chairman)

A Mary Blatchford (Vice-Chairman)

P Robert Cleland

P Peter Crew

A David Jolley

A Ian Parker

P Roz Willis

P James Tonkin (substitute for  
Councillor Andy Cole)

A Andy Cole

P Ruth Jacobs

P Tom Leimdorfer

P Liz Wells

P Deborah Yamanaka

P: Present

A: Apologies for absence submitted

**Also present:** Councillor Jill Iles (Assistant Executive Member) and Georgie Bigg (HealthWatch)

**Officers in attendance:** Sheila Smith (Director of People and Communities), Gerald Hunt (People and Communities Directorate), David Jellings (Corporate Services Directorate)

### ASH Declarations of Interest by Members (Agenda Item 3)

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None

### ASH Minutes of the Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015 (Agenda Item 4)

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**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record.

### ASH The Panel's Role, Remit and Work Plan (Agenda Items 6 and 8)

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The Panel considered this overview of the policy and scrutiny function and the remit of the Panel, and discussed its work plan.

The Scrutiny Officer highlighted the importance of effective work planning based on targeted, incisive and timely work on issues where scrutiny can add value and focusing on 2-3 issues.

The Director of People and Communities provided an overview of the key priority areas of work and challenges within the Directorate to help inform the Panel's work planning identified as follows -

- Better Care Fund – Interested Members could access previous reports on the Council's web site
- Integration of Health and Social Care – a priority and a challenge – the local CCG was one of the smallest in England so efficiencies were more likely to bring about better working rather than reduced costs
- Re-commissioning of domiciliary care
- 0-25 Service – this was a major piece of work
- Social Care Reforms

The Chairman referred to the following topics that Panel Members had suggested as potential topics for investigation by working groups and emphasised the need for the topic selection to be focused -

Houses in Multi-Occupation  
Better Care Funding  
Integrated Team development  
START Team and Community Meals  
Care Connect  
18 year olds – out of fostering  
Community Connect  
Impact of the Care Act on the Council  
ASSH element of the People and Communities Directorate Budget  
Housing Strategy  
Impact of the discharge of homeless people from hospital  
Annual Complaints  
Changes affecting private rental sector

The representative of the Director of People and Communities with reference to START advised that there were MTFP approved savings of £200,000 part year effect in 2015/16 and £405,000 in 2016/1, relating to the recommissioning of this service. In accordance with this decision officers had built the reablement service offered by START, into the recommission of domiciliary care. The service had been built into tender documentation and included as part of the market engagement with domiciliary providers in preparation for the first phase of the retender for Worle to be completed and awarded in September 2015, and for implementation in Spring 2016. The tender process would be repeated for other areas including extra care facilities during 2016.

For 2014/15 the unit cost of START was calculated at £57, compared with £16.23 for purchased home care. Whilst there were differences in service

delivery which warranted an adjustment, similar independent sector reablement services were delivered at about £20-22 per hour. The independent sector services will be supported by dedicated OT support delivered by the Council. The latest best practise advice is that reablement services should be targeted at larger more complex packages of care to reduce long term packages.

Following discussion, it was agreed to set up two working groups to investigate the following topics-

(1) START Team and Community Meals

- To carry out further engagement by reviewing the implementation of the transfer of Business Support Services for the Community Meals service
- To review the implementation of the transformation through commissioning, budget reduction, relating to reablement services (START) as part of the programme of domiciliary care” recommissioning.

(2) Impact of the discharge of homeless people from hospital.

**Concluded:**

(1) that a working group be set up to investigate the impact of the discharge of homeless people from hospital and report back to the Panel at the earliest opportunity (Membership – Councillors Reyna Knight, Ruth Jacobs, Robert Cleland and Roz Willis);

(2) that a START Team and Community Meals working group be set up to investigate the issues below and report back to the Panel at the earliest opportunity (Membership – Councillors Reyna Knight, Peter Crew, Tom Leindorfer, Liz Wells and Deborah Yamanaka)-

(i) To carry out further engagement by reviewing the implementation of the transfer of Business Support Services for the Community Meals service

(ii) To review the implementation of the transformation through commissioning, budget reduction, relating to reablement services (START) as part of the programme of domiciliary care” recommissioning;

(3) that the Panel’s work plan be updated to reflect work in progress.

**ASH Performance and Financial Monitoring (Agenda Item 7)**

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The Panel received the latest finance and performance figures, including key performance indicators.

The Director of People and Communities highlighted the substantive content of the finance and performance data reported to this Panel. It was suggested that in future, the Panel could adopt the approach of the Children and Young People’s Services Policy and Scrutiny Panel which had agreed a themed content for monitoring reports.

If the Panel was happy with that approach, the substantive performance and financial data would be emailed to Panel Members for them to raise to raise queries, questions and comments directly with the officers.

Following discussion the majority of the Panel favoured the new approach to performance and financial monitoring as suggested by the Director of People and Communities.

**Concluded:** that the Panel adopts the new approach to performance and financial monitoring as set out above.

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Chairman

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