

Minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee for Leisure and Community held on 2nd April 2014 from 7:00 to 7:35 p.m.

Present: Councillors: Jacqui Landriani (Chairman)
Dick Sweatman (Vice-Chairman)

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| Richard Bates* | Cherry Catharine | Sue Hatton |
| Margaret Belsey | Phillip Coote | Anne Jones, MBE* |
| Liz Bennett | Mims Davies* | Natalie March |
| Pete Bradbury | David Dorking | Sue Seward* |
| | | Mandy Thomas-Atkin |

* Absent

Also Present: Councillors Dumbovic, Moore, Snowling and Webster.

50. SUBSTITUTES AT MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE – COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 4

The Committee noted that Councillor Dumbovic replaced Councillor Bates for the duration of the meeting.

51. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Bates, Davies and Anne Jones.

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Bradbury and Bennett declared a personal interest in item 6, Better Care Fund, as Members of West Sussex County Council. Councillor Landriani also declared a personal interest in item 6, as an employee of the Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust.

53. MINUTES

The open Minutes of the meetings held on 21st January and 5th February 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

54. LEISURE CONTRACT - HANDOVER ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee received a report from Mark Fisher, Head of Leisure and Sustainability. He explained that since the award of the leisure services contract to DC Leisure, meetings had been held with them to formulate and implement a detailed action plan to ensure a seamless transfer of service delivery on 1st July 2014. He confirmed that the plans included a number of key areas involving operational delivery and staffing, future monitoring and repair and maintenance schedules.

The Head of Leisure and Sustainability outlined the background to the leisure services procurement process and described DC Leisure's achievements and operations elsewhere. He confirmed that the company was acquired by the Places for People Group in December 2012 and are a not for dividend social enterprise. From April 2014, DC Leisure will be known as Places for People Leisure and this is the brand that will be seen at this Council's leisure centres. He re-affirmed DC Leisure's commitment to staff TUPE transfers and asked Members to note the contents of the report.

Responding to a Member's question, the Head of Leisure and Sustainability confirmed that the schedule of works was still under discussion and that any temporary facility closures would be phased across the three sites to minimise any impact upon customers.

Judy Holmes, Assistant Chief Executive, added that the Council has produced a communications plan to support the handover which would ensure the Council's website and literature would be updated and the public kept fully informed.

In reply to another Member's question, Tom Clark, Solicitor to the Council, confirmed that the TUPE process would apply to those staff employed at the five District Council owned sites.

Responding to a Member's question, the Head of Leisure and Sustainability confirmed that repairs and maintenance on the Mid Sussex paddling pools and splash pads had been undertaken during the closed winter season and were on schedule to open for the new season.

The Chairman expressed thanks on behalf of the Committee to Freedom Leisure, for their good service delivery of the Council's leisure facilities over the preceding five years of the Leisure Services contract.

As there were no more questions, the Chairman took Members to the report's recommendation, which was agreed.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report and the progress made in preparing for the new leisure management services contract be noted.

55. BETTER CARE FUND

The Committee received a report from Jo Harper, Business Unit Leader for Performance and Partnerships. She explained that the Better Care Fund's national programme required all Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) and local authorities to transfer health and care resources to establish a new fund, focussed on developing and delivering these services in a more integrated way, to better serve the customer. She explained that although this was a new fund there would not be any additional new funding. She outlined the background to the Better Care Fund and explained how it would be used, describing some of the key projects for the Horsham and Mid Sussex CCG.

The Business Unit Leader for Performance and Partnerships asked that recommendation ii of the report be slightly amended, to reflect the fact that the Cabinet Member for Health and Community represented the seven district and borough councils on the West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board.

Responding to a Member's questions, the Business Unit Leader for Performance and Partnerships explained that the Mid Sussex Health and Wellbeing Hub was a service aimed at preventing ill health and that it also had a role to play in maintaining the health of local residents once they had recovered from illness. She added that the under-occupancy of existing buildings would also be examined as part of the CCG's work.

Another Member welcomed the report and praised other projects seeking to improve the health and wellbeing of Mid Sussex residents.

Responding to a Member's question, the Cabinet Member for Health and Community confirmed that more information about the Better Care Fund would be made available in the form of a summary of the plan submitted to NHS England and outlined some of the work done by the three CCG's in West Sussex. He confirmed that the Council had established a good rapport with the Horsham and Mid Sussex CCG, adding that further updates from its Chairman, Dr Minesh Patel, would be welcome.

The Chairman proposed that the Chairman of Horsham and Mid Sussex CCG be invited to speak to the Committee at its meeting on 26th November 2014. This was seconded by Councillor Cherry Catharine and agreed by the Committee.

As there were no further questions, the Chairman took Members to the report's recommendations, including the amendments, which were agreed.

RESOLVED

That:

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) note that the Cabinet Member for Health and Community represent the seven district and borough councils on the West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board, and
- (3) Dr Minesh Patel, Clinical Lead and Chairman of the Horsham and Mid Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group, be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee on 26th November 2014, where an update will be provided on the Better Care Fund.

56. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LEISURE AND COMMUNITY WORK PROGRAMME 2014/15

The Committee received details of the Committee's work programme for the forthcoming year.

As there were no further questions, the Chairman took Members to the report's recommendation, including an additional item, to update the Committee on the Better Care Fund at its meeting on 26th November 2014, which was agreed.

RESOLVED

That the Committee's work programme be noted.

57. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chairman proposed that items 10 and 11 be discussed next, which was agreed.

58. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

59. QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10

None.

60. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chairman proposed that Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, which was agreed.

RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item in accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

The meeting then went into closed session.

61. EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21st JANUARY 2014

Following consideration of this exempt item, the Chairman brought the meeting back into open session.

As this was the final meeting of the Committee for 2013/14, the Chairman thanked Members and officers for their work over the year.

Chairman.