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Agenda

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Monday 12 May 2014**

Time: **5.30 pm**

Place: **Reception Room**

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Membership

Chair Councillor Mike Hope

Vice-Chair Councillor Gary Gregory

Councillor Steve Ainley
Councillor Patricia Andrews
Councillor Emily Bailey
Councillor Sandra Barnes
Councillor Krista Blair
Councillor Paul Hughes
Councillor Stephen Poole
Councillor Colin Powell
Councillor Suzanne Prew-Smith
Councillor John Truscott
Councillor Henry Wheeler

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Report of the Senior Members' Services Officer.

Including questions to the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Development on the following area of his Portfolio:

The Planning Process and Town Centres Strategy.
- 5 Reports and Notices received by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee as required under Constitutional Law.** 17 - 18

Item for information.
- 6 Any other item which the Chair considers urgent.**

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MINUTES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday 10 March 2014

Councillor Mike Hope (Chair)

Councillor Gary Gregory	Councillor Paul Hughes
Councillor Patricia Andrews	Councillor Suzanne Prew-Smith
Councillor Emily Bailey	Councillor John Truscott
Councillor Sandra Barnes	Councillor Henry Wheeler
Councillor Krista Blair	

Apologies for absence: Councillor Steve Ainley, Councillor Stephen Poole and Councillor Colin Powell

Officers in Attendance: J Ansell and S Bray

Guests in Attendance S Walters (Chief Executive, NNE CCG)
J Hollingsworth and D Wakelin

31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ainley, Powell and Poole.

32 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2013.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record.

33 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None received.

34 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14

The Chair welcomed Councillor Hollingsworth, Portfolio Holder, Health and Housing, Sam Walters, Chief Executive, Nottingham North East CCG and Dave Wakelin Corporate Director, who had been invited to respond to questions on the following areas of the Health and Housing Portfolio:

Liaison with Public Health and the Clinical Commissioning Group.

Councillor Hollingsworth and Sam Walters, Chief Executive, NNE CCG gave a presentation and responded to questions from Members as follows:

Questions put and responses received

Question: It would be helpful to receive clarification of the differing roles and responsibilities of the CCG and the Public Health Authority.

The differing roles and responsibilities between the CCGs who work in partnership with NHS England Area Team and Public Health are:

NHS England - Area Team

- To have direct responsibility for commissioning services:
 - primary care;
 - military and prison health services;
 - high secure psychiatric services; and
 - Specialised services.
- To allocate resources to clinical commissioning groups
- To support CCGs to commission services on behalf of their patients
- To work with CCGs in delivering quality in GP practices

Local Authority - Public Health

- NHS Health Checks
- Sexual Health
- National Child Measurement Programme
- Local health protection
- Tobacco control, smoking cessation, drug
- and alcohol misuse services
- Children 5-19, i.e. obesity

Both Public Health England and Local Authorities have responsibilities for population health and wellbeing, for example workplace health, behavioural and lifestyle, with Local Authorities leading the local initiatives, while Public Health England manages national campaigns and shares research and best practice guidance with Local Authority teams.

Upper tier Local Authorities have formal accountability but 2nd tier Local Authorities also have a responsibility and role in delivering local Public Health initiatives and local services that impact on health and wellbeing. There is a long list of Local Authority responsibilities which include:

- Public health services for children and young people aged 5-19
- Interventions to tackle **obesity** such as community lifestyle and weight management services
- Locally-led **nutrition** initiatives
- Increasing levels of **physical activity** in the local population
- Public **mental health** services

- **Dental** public health services
- **Accidental injury prevention**
- Population level interventions to **reduce and prevent birth defects**
- Behavioural and lifestyle **campaigns to prevent cancer and long-term conditions**
- Supporting, reviewing and challenging delivery of key public health funded and NHS delivered services such as **immunisation and screening** programmes
- Public health aspects of promotion of **community safety, violence prevention** and response
- Public health aspects of local initiatives to tackle **social exclusion**
- Local initiatives that reduce public health impacts of **environmental risks**

The CCG commission services on behalf of member practices for our local population for example; acute services, mental health services, community services, continuing health care, enhanced services and prescribing.

Question: What is the availability in the Borough of free health checks and who are they available to i.e. priority groups?

Health checks are offered through GP practices once every five years to individuals aged between 40 and 74, this is a *national programme commissioned by local authorities* following their newly devolved responsibility for public health. Learning disability health checks are also offered through GP practices and these are commissioned by NHS England – there are new directed enhanced services which have just been released, these have expanded the age range to include a larger cohort of individuals. There is triangulation between NHS England, GP Practices and the CCG, plus working in partnership with Gedling Borough Council.

Question: What input has the CCG had to the Calverton master plan?

The CCG input focuses on delivery of quality services and ensuring appropriate access for the local population. NNE has actively supported the Calverton master plan.

Question: How are targets for GP caseloads arrived at and are they realistic, given the difficulties in getting a GP appointment that are being reported by patients i.e. the target in Calverton is 1800 against a current caseload of 1200 in the master plan?

Caseloads are not a target but they are an indicator of the GP and nursing resource required, also included with the number of patients are other criteria such as, level of deprivation and long term conditions

incidence. Patient's access is important to the CCG and this is where we are piloting the Same Day Urgent Care Model at two of our Practices, we are also working with the Area Team on future primary care delivery models in pressured areas and supporting practices in considering federated models, this is for managing practices more efficiently and therefore access and care for patients.

Question: What influence does the CCG have over the provision of dentistry services in the Borough?

Provision of dentistry services comes under NHS England and any influence would be through experiences and feedback through GP practices.

Question: Could members have an update on the development of the Arnold Health Centre?

Arnold Health Centre building will be complete by end of March 2014 with a view to the staff being fully in by mid April 2014. County Health Partnership (CHP) will be offering services for phlebotomy and podiatry. CHP have not yet confirmed whether the District Nurses will be based there.

Question: Has there been any review of the positive impact and are there any plans for further development of the Park House health centre in Carlton? Is there capacity at the site to provide more services?

A diagnostic service is required in the community and there is a lead lined room at Park House which would offer the facility for x-rays to be done but equipment is required. The site has limited capacity for parking which has been an on-going problem for some time but options are being sought.

Question: In the light of the Teal Close housing development, the Ashwell St GP practice in Netherfield has expressed a wish to expand their site and provision. This has support from the community – in what ways would the CCG work in support of that proposal?

The CCG do not have a GP practice on Ashwell Street, however the Trentside Medical Practice in Netherfield have found land but a decision is to be made on how to fund the build. The CCG are very supportive of the practice's development and expansion plans and will be required to formally state that when the approval stage with NHS England is required.

Question: What are the likely developments to GP Practices across the Borough in general?

The likely developments in Gedling relate to Calverton Practice and Trentside Medical Group. The developments in Gedling, namely Papplewick, will impact on developments in Hucknall.

Question: Nottingham City CCG recently issued a statement saying that smoking, alcohol and obesity were the three major problems that they had to confront.

- To tackle smoking, they claimed that ‘they have smoking cessation services out there that are successful.’
- On the alcohol problem, they said they ‘needed to crack down more on under age sales’
- On obesity, they said the answer was ‘getting more cycle lanes’.
- Do you consider these to be adequate responses, and what would be your plan of action?

Our plan of action is supporting Public Health and Local Authorities in promoting, take up and delivery of services. One of the major issues is with smoking illegal tobacco, which collectively we are all trying to tackle and likewise with the alcohol problem we are addressing culturally the practise of ‘front loading’ where by youngsters get drunk before they go on a night out.

Our strategy supports delivery of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy. The Local Authorities Partnership Group brings together Gedling Borough Council, Broxtowe District Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council, Ashfield District Councils, Public Health and the CCG. Through this group the Local Authorities and the CCG have signed up to the 11 tobacco pledges and all have signed up to support Dementia Friendly Communities. This Group raises the opportunity to learn.

Question: E- cigarettes - a pathway away from tobacco or a gateway to addiction?

E-cigarettes appear to be a controversial subject but it was recently discussed in the Local Authorities Partnership Group where the 11 tobacco pledges were agreed and highlighted the complexity of the subject and the possibility to form a discussion/meeting of its own.

The Chair thanked all guests for their presentation and responses. Guests reported that further information to be circulated following the meeting.

Summary of Quarter 3 Performance

Stephen Bray, Corporate Director, gave an overview of Q3 performance.

The Chair asked Members for comments.

A number of questions were put and responded to by the Corporate Director.

In Depth Scrutiny

The Chair updated Members of progress with in depth scrutiny reviews Homelessness and Hardship in the Borough and Reducing Unemployment in the Borough, and informed Members that a third review, Transport Links to the Borough would commence in June.

Responses to Scrutiny Recommendations

The Chair reported the responses of Portfolio Holders and the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer to the recommendations of the Localism, Planning and Housing Scrutiny Review.

RESOLVED:

- i) To thank the Portfolio Holder for Health and Housing, the Chief Executive, Nottingham North East CCG and Council officers for their presentation and responses to Members' questions.
- ii) To note the Quarter 3 2013/14 performance information.
- iii) To note the responses of Portfolio Holders and the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer to the Localism, Planning and Housing Scrutiny Review.

35 REPORTS AND NOTICES RECEIVED BY THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AS REQUIRED UNDER CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

Members considered a list of items referred to the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee under the Constitution or Law.

These included:

1. Items referred to the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee under Contract Standing orders and Standing orders for dealing with Land

Notifications received where it has not been possible to obtain 3 quotations for a contract estimated to be between £10,000 and £50,000.

- Contract for Boiler Replacement Scheme (Stephen Bray, Corporate Director)

- Contract for the Installation of Voltage Optimisation Equipment (Stephen Bray, Corporate Director)
- Contract for the provision of Employment and Skills Support (Paula Darlington, Corporate Director)

Notification of decision to dispose of land or property other than the sale of council houses to sitting tenants pursuant to the right to buy.

- Gift of Land on Rutland Road to Nottinghamshire Community Housing Association for development (Alison Bennett, Service Manager, Housing and Localities)

2. Items referred to Scrutiny under the Budget and Policy Framework

- Prudential and Treasury Indicators and Treasury Strategy 2014/15 (Mark Kimberley, Corporate Director.)

RESOLVED:

To note the items referred to the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee under the Constitution or Law.

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ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

The Chair informed Members that an additional Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been scheduled on Tuesday 29th April to consider the outcomes of the recent Peer Challenge.

The meeting finished at 7.45pm

Signed by Chair:
Date:

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**MINUTES
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 29 April 2014

Councillor Mike Hope (Chair)

Councillor Gary Gregory	Councillor Stephen Poole
Councillor Patricia Andrews	Councillor Colin Powell
Councillor Emily Bailey	Councillor Suzanne Prew-Smith
Councillor Sandra Barnes	
Councillor Paul Hughes	Councillor John Truscott

Apologies for absence: Councillor Krista Blair and Councillor Henry Wheeler

Officers in Attendance: J Ansell, S Bray and J Robinson

Guests in Attendance None

37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Blair and Wheeler.

38 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None

39 CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE- FINDING AND FOLLOW-UP

The Chair welcomed John Robinson, Chief Executive, who presented the key findings of the recent Peer Challenge and received questions from Members.

Key outcomes were highlighted as follows:

Strengths

The Council has an outward focus and is successfully engaged in 'Leadership of Place'. The Council is involved in many new activities and partnerships and is leading the Gedling Community.

It was recognised that the Council has a planned and phased approach in the use of its financial balances and deploys them for development.

Challenges

The swift co location arrangements with other partners had impacted on Council staff and created some uncertainty.

The ambitions of the Leadership and pace of change had raised the question – does the Leadership engage wider Members enough?

It had been identified that there could be potential for greater Member challenge of performance.

The Leader's forum might consider developing a 'Strategy of Place' to enhance partnership delivery.

Consideration to be given to the role and work of Scrutiny, which could be more involved in the development of the Budget and Council Plan.

The Council could acquire further assets to strengthen its' position and should invest in the skills of the organisation.

The Council should prioritise its' aims and ambitions in order to mitigate potential strain on the organisation.

Comments from Members

The Council should be aware of the individual skills and experience of Members in order to deploy them to better effect in policy and service development.

There is scope for greater Member involvement in corporate planning and policy development.

Members recognised that they had been much better informed in recent years on the setting of the budget, but not in how it was developed.

The move from a Committee to a Cabinet system of governance had presented a challenge as to how non - executive Members can be involved in discussions and development.

The drive to involve Members needs to come from the Council Leadership.

'Leadership of Place' – it was observed that in creating a joint working strategy the challenges would be to address duplication of initiatives and differentials in pay, terms and conditions of employment.

Alongside the regular Member briefing sessions, consideration should be given to the involvement of wider Members, either formally or informally, in contributing to the setting of Council priorities.

The whole Council could be more challenging of performance, and Members could be more proactive in taking up and attending briefings

and cross party working groups. Wider Members should also propose subjects for briefings, along with officers and the Council Leadership.

The Chair thanked the Chief Executive for the presentation.

It was RESOLVED to note the outcomes of the Peer Challenge and to further consider the implications, both for Scrutiny and wider Member involvement in the performance and development of the Council.

40 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None

The meeting finished at 6.40pm

Signed by Chair:
Date:

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Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Subject: Scrutiny Work Programme 2013/14

Date: 12 May 2014

Author: Senior Members' Services Officer

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To introduce Councillor Darrell Pulk, Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Development and Corporate Director Paula Darlington, who have been invited to attend the meeting as part of the rolling programme of Portfolio Holder holding to account.

2. BACKGROUND

At the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in August 2013 Members agreed a programme of attendance by Portfolio Holders and relevant Corporate Directors at committee and also identified which areas of performance within each Portfolio they would like to examine. It was further agreed that questions for Portfolio Holders should be submitted in advance of each meeting, however 'ad hoc' questions may be put forward at the meeting itself.

This committee has elected to consider the following elements of the Leisure and Development Portfolio:

The planning process and the Town Centres Strategy.

Advance questions received from Members:

1. Given that GBC has spent public money on obtaining advice from URS regarding the best place to build, what to build and necessary infrastructure related to developments in Calverton, Ravenshead and Bestwood and given that the number of houses in each village has been decided, what is the sense of considering planning applications in these villages before the URS report has been received and considered?

2. What is the point of taking green belt land and designating it as white or safeguarded land unless it is to point developers at land that could be useful to them?

3. ONGOING PROGRAMME OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER ATTENDANCE

The final scheduled Portfolio Holder and Corporate Director attendance at Overview and Scrutiny Committee is as follows:

- **Committee date: 14th July 2014**

Councillor Fox: Community Development Portfolio
Corporate Director: Paula Darlington

Service for review: Neighbourhood working

3.1 Future programme

Members are asked to provide questions in advance and to consider a new schedule of attendance for 2015/16, to encompass the following Overview and Scrutiny Committee dates:

- 29th September 2014
- 15th December 2014
- 9th February 2015
- 13th April 2015

Draft proposals for attendance will be circulated at the Committee.

4. IN DEPTH SCRUTINY

The in - depth working groups below are coming to the end of their evidence gathering meetings with Portfolio Holders, Corporate Directors, partners and stakeholders and are considering their findings and recommendations.

4.1 Reducing unemployment in the Borough

Working Group Members: Councillors Bailey (chair), Wheeler, R. Ellis, R. Allan, Gregory P. Andrews, B Andrews, Hewson, Hughes, Parr.

Latest meeting: Thursday 1st May 2014 4.30 – 6pm

A verbal update about this meeting will be provided at Committee.

4.2 Homelessness and hardship in the Borough

Working Group members: Councillors Lawrence (Chair), Weisz, Blair, Paling, Hope, P. Allan, Bexon, Hewson, Hughes, Parr.

Next meeting: Wednesday 11th June 5 – 6.30pm

The meeting will review all evidence gathered to date including the outcome of a day of fact finding visits arranged for Friday 6th June as follows:

Times	Project
11.00-12.00	Children's Centre Carlton Church View Rear of 53 Main Road Gedling
1.00 – 1.50	Sure Start, Netherfield. St Georges Centre
2.00 – 3.00	Elizabeth House

New in depth Scrutiny Review

Nominations are sought for working group members to commence a third review, 'Transport Links to the Borough' in late June 2014.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- Put forward relevant questions to the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Development.
- Agree a forward programme of Portfolio Holder holding to account
- Note the progress of in depth Scrutiny working groups
- Nominate working group membership for the 'Transport Links to the Borough' in – depth review.

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Reports and Notices received by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee as required under the Constitution or Law.

1. Items referred to the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee under Contract Standing orders and Standing orders for dealing with Land

Notifications received where it has not been possible to obtain 3 quotations for a contract estimated to be between £10,000 and £50,000.

- None received

Notification of decision to dispose of land or property other than the sale of council houses to sitting tenants pursuant to the right to buy.

- Transfer of land at the junction of Church Road and Chestnut Grove, Burton Joyce (the Land) together with the toilets erected thereon to Burton Joyce Parish Council (the Parish Council) and pay a contribution of £2,500 towards demolition costs.
- Surrender of lease of land at St Wilfred's Square, Calverton. Purchase of same land at St Wilfred's Square, Calverton and then to transfer this land together with the toilets erected thereon to Calverton Parish Council.

2. Items referred to Scrutiny under the Budget and Policy Framework

- None received

3. Items where the Executive proposes to take a key decision without it being published (on the Forward Plan) for at least 28 days. (New Local Authorities Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

- None received

Please note that the above list may not be exhaustive; items may be referred at short notice to the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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