

**HEALTH, SCHOOLS AND CARE OVERVIEW  
AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Dutton (Chair); Councillors Sultan Ali, Dale, Davidson, Gartside, Hartley, Massey, Smith and Sullivan

**OFFICERS:** T. Harrison (Adult Care Directorate), F Davies (Children's Services Directorate) and A. James (Resources Directorate)

**19 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor McCarthy and Kate Jones.

**20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Dutton declared a personal interest in the Agenda item relating to the SEND update as a governor of a Special Needs school.

**21 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

There were no urgent items of business.

**22 MINUTES**

Resolved:

1. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Health Schools and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**23 NORTHERN CARE ALLIANCE GROUP**

Resolved:

1. That this item be deferred until a future meeting of the Committee.

**24 BURY AND ROCHDALE YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2019 - 2021**

The Committee scrutinised the report of the Director of Children's Services which presented the Youth Justice Plan 2019/21 and highlighted some of the key achievements in reducing re-offending during 2018/19. The report also provided the areas for improvement that the service would focus upon during the next period, as set out in the Service Improvement Plan appended to the report.

Resolved:

1. That the Bury and Rochdale Youth Justice Plan 2019 – 2021 be noted.

**25 SEND UPDATE**

The Committee scrutinised the report of the Director of Children's Services which provided information on numbers and costs of Rochdale children with special education needs who are travelling out of borough to access education. This report summarised government reported data to January 2019 and council SEN projected spend up to the 2019/20 financial year.

Resolved:

1. That the SEND update be noted.

**26 DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS AND ASSOCIATED ASSISTANCE POLICY**

The Committee scrutinised the report of the Director of Adult Care which provided an update in relation to Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG) which are governed by the Housing Grants Construction and Regeneration Act 1996. The legislation is quite specific in certain aspects, but more open to interpretation in others. The Disabled Facilities Grants and Associated Assistance Policy has been written to clarify how the legislation will be implemented and formalises what is currently custom and practice.

Resolved:

1. That the Disabled Facilities Grants and Associated Assistance Policy be noted and supported for publication.

**27 ADULT CARE MARKET OVERSIGHT AND SUFFICIENCY REPORT**

The Committee scrutinised a report which provided details of the Adult Care Service commissions external provider services to deliver a range of care services to adults with eligible social care needs and that the Adult Care commissioning team assures the quality of these services.

The Committee had requested quarterly updates on quality assurance information for the services commissioned by the Adult Care service. Appendix 1 of the report provided the information for quarter two in 2019/20 July – September 2019.

Resolved:

1. That the Adult Care Market Oversight and Sufficiency report be noted.

**28 ADULT, CHILDREN & PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTORATE PLANS 2019-20 QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

The Committee scrutinised a report which reported progress at the end of Quarter 2 (1st July – 30th September 2019) towards achievement of the targets contained in the Adult Care Directorate Plan 2019-20, Children's Services Directorate Plan 2019-20 and Public Health Directorate Plan 2019-20.

Resolved:

1. That the Adult, Children & Public Health Directorate Plans 2019-20 Quarter 2 Performance Update be noted.

**29 JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - PENNINE CARE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

Resolved:

1. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Scrutiny Committee for Pennine Care (Mental Health) Trust held on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 be noted.

**30 WORK PROGRAMME 2019/2020**

The Committee considered a report which presented the Committee's Work Programme 2019/2020.

Resolved:

1. That the Work Programme 2019/2020 report be noted.