

JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING Thursday, 21st May 2020

PRESENT: Councillor Holly (in the Chair); Councillors Dutton, Kelly, Meredith, O'Neill, Angela Smith, Sullivan, West and Zaheer.

OFFICERS: T. Harrison (Assistant Director – Adult Social Care), S. Evans (Chief Finance Officer – HMR CCG), and P. Thompson (Resources Directorate).

12 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor O'Rourke.

13 MINUTES

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel, held 11th May 2020, be approved as a correct record.

14 JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL - TERMS OF REFERENCE

Resolved:

That subject to the inclusion in the document for the provision of substitute members the terms of reference for the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Panel be approved.

15 NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS AND PRIVATE ITEMS

The Panel gave consideration to the current Notice of Key Decisions and Private Items, which gave details of items that were due to be determined by appropriate meetings, members and officers. Due to the Covid-19 crisis the Notice was being updated and published on a weekly basis.

Members were reminded that this Notice, and any updated issues, would form the basis of the Scrutiny Panel's work programme. The Joint Panel had been established for the purpose of providing Member led scrutiny of the Council's decision making process during the Covid-19 crisis period and also for the phased return to more normal working practices in the period which would follow the worst of the crisis.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

16 BETTER CARE FUND BUDGET REPORT 2020/21

The Panel considered a report of the CCG's Chief Finance Officer which advised Members of the proposed budget for the Better Care Fund (BCF) for the financial year 2020/21. In considering the report, Members were advised that it was due to be presented to the Integrated Commissioning Board's (ICB) meeting on 26th May 2020.

The Panel was advised that the ICB partners were required to have a Section 75 agreement to support the Better Care Fund budget and this had been approved by the ICB at its September 2017 meeting. The ICB had noted at its meeting on 29th January 2019 the incorporation of the Better Care Fund within the Health & Social Care Pooled Fund Section 75 Agreement. The updated Section 75 Agreement was duly signed by both Partners on 7th March 2019 and would be updated as and when appropriate.

It is a requirement of the NHS for England guidance to produce a budget for 2020/21. The submitted report provided details of the proposed 2020/21 budget taking into account the known changes in Better Care Fund Allocations.

Resolved:

- 1 That the Panel notes the recommendation that the ICB approves the revised revenue and capital budgets for the BCF for 2020/21, at its meeting on 26th May 2020;
2. The Panel notes that details of the minimum contribution to Adult Social Care has yet to be confirmed, and so the proposed revenue budget, for 2020/21, is subject to change.
3. the pane notes that the ICB is recommended to approve the proposed allocation of the Disabled Facilities Grant budget in Table 2c of the submitted report,, with the flexibility to vire budget between the various schemes as necessary.

17 HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE POOL BUDGET OUTTURN 2019/20

The Panel considered a report of the CCG's Chief Finance Officer, which updated Members on the financial position of the pooled budget for the financial year 2019/20 as at the end of March 2020. In considering the report members were advised that the report was due to presented to the Integrated Commissioning Board's (ICB) meeting on 26th May 2020. The pooled budget excluded the Better Care Fund (BCF) and the Greater Manchester Transformation funding which were being reported separately to the ICB. The pooled budget had been amended to take into account the savings previously reported to ICB.

The remaining pool gap of 800,000 reported in February2020 has been funded via an increased contribution from the CCG. There had an increase in the overspend against the Health & Social Care (H&SC) Pool budget gap of £600,000 due to an increase in the Adult Social Care overspend. This pressure had been funded to balance the Health and Social Care budget for 2019/20.

The outturn for the Local Authority pooled budgets for 2019/20 before adjusting for additional contributions was a £1,800,000 overspend for Adult Social Care, a break-even position for Public Health and a £1,700,000 overspend on Children's services. The £1,700,000 overspend from Children's services was reported for information only, as this pressure has been managed by the Local Authority outside of the poeed budget structures.

The CCG pooled budget outturn position was a £2,700,000 overspend in line with the forecast position reported in February 2020.

The purpose of the submitted report was to update the ICB on the Health and Social Care pooled budgets for 2019/20 in line with National Health Service England (NHSE) guidelines and the Greater Manchester (GM) Health and Social Care Partnership requirements. As part of operating a pooled budget regular monitoring reports are required.

The BCF has been excluded from the pooled reporting and will be reported separately to ICB in line with NHSE requirements for reporting each quarter.

Resolved:

1. The outturn position for the Health and Social Care for 2019/20, be noted.
2. The Panel notes that the increase in the Health and Social Care pool overspend of £600,000 has been funded initially by the Local Authority in 2019/20 but will result in a Local Authority reduced contribution to the pool in 2020/21
3. The Panel notes that the Local Authority identified mitigating actions for the variations in Local Authority Children's provider services in 2019/20 (£1,700,000).
4. The Panel notes that there were £2,700,000m of pressures on the acute and mental health budgets for 2019/20, and that the CCG had contributed additional funding from reserves to cover a £900,000 increase in overspend since initial contributions to close the pool gap were approved by the ICB in January 2020.

18 HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE BETTER CARE FUND OUTTURN REPORT 2019/20

The Panel considered a report of the CCG's Chief Finance Officer which advised Members of that at the meeting of the Integrated Commissioning Board in March 2019 agreement was given to the revised 2019/20 budgets for the Better Care Fund. The submitted report updated Members on the financial outturn position for the Better Care Fund for the financial year 2019/2020. In considering the report Members were advised that the report was due to be submitted to the meeting of the Integrated Commissioning Board on 26th May 2020.

The meeting was advised that the Integrated Commissioning Board partners (the Council and the CCG) must have a Section 75 agreement to support the Better Care Fund budget and this had been approved by the Integrated Commissioning Board in September 2017 and it had since been updated to form part of the overall pooled Health and Social Care Section 75 agreement for 2019/2020.

It was a requirement of the NHS England guidance to produce a budget for 2019/2020 which the Integrated Commissioning Board then approved at its March 2019 meeting. The submitted report therefore updated the monitoring

against the 2019/20 budget which is a requirement of the Section 75 agreement.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

19 POOLED FUND OPENING BUDGETS 2021

The Panel considered a report of the CCG's Chief Finance Officer that updated Members on the Pooled fund opening budget and risk share arrangements for 2020/21. The Local Authority's 2020/21 balanced budget had previously been approved by the Budget Council on 26th February 2020. The report was due to be submitted to the meeting of the Integrated Commissioning Board to be held on 26th May 2020.

The CCG submitted its second draft set of plans to NHS England on Thursday, 5th of March 2020. The CCG had submitted a deficit position of £12.4m and these plans were predicated on delivery of a (£4.6m) programme of QIPP, tight budgetary control and a programme of transformation and redesign. Since the submission, the CCG has considered financial movements since month 11 (2019/2020), contract negotiations and therefore had updated their budgets accordingly.

The CCGs Governing Body meeting on 20th March 2020 had approved the revised opening position, for 2020/2021 of a £4.8m deficit. It was noted that both the Local Authorities and the CCGs approved opening budgets were pre-impact of COVID 19.

The report provided an update on the ICB on the Health and Social Care pooled budgets for 2020/21 in line with National Health Service England guidelines and the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership requirements. As part of operating a pooled budget regular monitoring reports are required.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.

20 ADULT SOCIAL CARE ACCOMMODATION MARKET POSITION STATEMENT

The Panel considered a report of the Assistant Director (Adult Social Care), recommending that the Integrated Commissioning Board, at its meeting on 26th May 2020, approves the publication of the 'Accommodation Strategy and Market Position Statement for the Borough of Rochdale' on the Council's website.

The Strategy sets out the Council's approach to commissioning specialist accommodation with support for residents' who may need it, and outlined the strategic context in which it is set. The market position statement outlined the current state of the market within the borough and this would continue to be updated to reflect changes as they occur. Since Rochdale last published a

market position statement, there had been some significant factors affecting adult social care in the borough.

The Strategy document was prepared, and all the data and information included in it was all gathered, before the Covid-19 virus affected the UK. Since then radical changes have occurred, and the effects of the virus have had a major impact on the validity of the evidence relied on as a predictor of future requirements.

The assumptions and the conclusions that were reached in the document were subject to the possibility of revision in light of the impact of Covid-19.

Resolved:

That the report be noted.