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Executive Summary

1. This report provides an update on recent activities regarding the Health, Schools and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Key Points for Consideration

So far in 2021/2022 the Committee has had two formal meetings on 8th July and 9th September 2021.

8th July 2021

This meeting was the first 'face to face' meeting of the Committee for since early 2020, so it was good to see fellow Councillors in person again, rather than on screen and to welcome some new members to the Committee.

The Committee considered a report, prepared by the Director of Commissioning detailing work undertaken to prepare for the implementation of the Government paper 'Integrating Care: Next steps to building strong and effective integrated care systems across England' and subsequent White Paper published in February 2021.

It was stated that one of the key elements outlined was the "Principle of Subsidiarity" which described the requirement for more functions and resources to be devolved from national and regional levels to local systems. A final proposal for the model in Rochdale was dependent on interaction between the Greater Manchester and those of adjacent authorities. In line with further guidance and working across Greater Manchester, the North East Sector and our Rochdale system the Rochdale Locality Construct has been developed with the following three key elements - System Board: Responsible for setting the strategic direction for the locality (this was the favoured option); a Local Care Organisation Board; and a 'Neighbourhoods' model that would integrate services around local people, creating a system of multi-agency professionals.

Other reports considered by the Committee at this meeting included the final quarter performance reports of 20220/2021 for the authority's Children's, Adults and Public

Health Directorates. Consideration was also given to a report of the Assistant Director of Commissioning which detailed an update on the progress being made on the review of the partnership arrangements between the Council and Your Trust (formally Link4Life), which highlighted the key changes and associated risks. It was pleasing that the Committee was able to support the recommendations contained within the submitted report and to subsequently note that the cabinet concurred.

9th September 2021

The Committee, at this meeting received a report which summarised Adult and Children's Social Care complaints and compliments received during the second half of 2020/2021. These reports are important as part of the Council's performance management process is to ensure that the Authority's ambitions to continuously improve services are realised, and to identify any actions or decisions that may need to be taken to maintain improvement.

We also received first quarter, 2021/2022, update reports on performance in the Children's, Adults and Public Health Directorates and it is pleasing to note the hard work and sacrifices that staff in these services have made in the past 18 months, as we tackle Covid-19, as staff in these services have often found themselves in the 'front-line' and I commend their dedication and their ability to keep providing services for some of our most vulnerable residents in such difficult circumstances.

We received a detailed report that outlined stages towards the establishment of a Systems Board for the Authority. Following the publishing of the Integration and Innovation White Paper earlier in 2021, there was a requirement to establish statutory integrated health and care systems which required changes to the current system. Therefore we welcomed the establishment of a Shadow System Board including its draft Terms of Reference, noting the multi-agency appointments to the Shadow System Board. We noted that a significant work was still required regarding funding flows to System Board prior to seeking delegations from the Council's Cabinet for The establishment of a Shadow System Board, details of which will be closely scrutinised by our Committee.

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