

Decisions of the Adults and Safeguarding Committee

19 September 2017

Members Present:-

Councillor Sachin Rajput (Chairman)
Councillor Tom Davey (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Paul Edwards
Councillor Alison Moore
Councillor Helena Hart

Councillor David Longstaff
Councillor Reuben Thompstone
Councillor Jess Brayne

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Claire Farrier

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED – The minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Apologies were received from Councillor Claire Farrier. She was substituted by Councillor Gill Sargeant.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Tom Davey who arrived at 7.15pm.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None.

4. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

5. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)

None.

6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)

None.

7. BARNET SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

The Chairman introduced the report which set out how agencies in Barnet have cooperated to promote the safety and wellbeing of adults in need of care and support.

The Chairman invited Chris Miller, Independent Chair of the Barnet Safeguarding Adults Board, to the table.

The Committee considered the report and requested that the Strategic Director for Adults, Communities and Health undertake the following actions:

- Forward data on the reduction in the number of referrals for safeguarding concern since the previous year, which was a result of work to help providers better recognise safeguarding issues.
- In future reports to include percentage figures (page 12 of the annual report)
- In future reports to include data for the 85+ age group.
- To provide a briefing to Members with additional data on the length of homecare visits, the number of different carers visiting individuals and details of how standards were being monitored

Subject to the above the Committee:

RESOLVED – That the Committee approve the publication of the Barnet Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2016/17 on the Council website.

The Committee noted that Mr Miller would be stepping down from his role as Independent Chair. On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman thanked Mr Miller for his hard work over the past four years.

8. FINAL APPROACH ADULT SOCIAL CARE ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY VEHICLE

The Chairman introduced the report and noted that in January 2015, the Committee had approved the initiation of a project to consider alternative ways of delivering Adults Social Care. The Committee noted that the project had been divided into two parts: The Alternative Delivery Model, and the Alternative Delivery Vehicle. The Committee noted that the report recommended a reformed in-house option.

During the consideration of the item, Councillor Tom Davey MOVED a motion that the Chairman move to the vote on the recommendations as set out in the report. This was SECONDED by Councillor Reuben Thompstone.

The Chairman moved to the vote on the recommendations as set out in the report. Votes were recorded as follows:

For:	9
Against:	0
Abstentions	0

The Committee unanimously **RESOLVED**:

- To note that progress had been made in reforming the adult social care service through implementation of the new operating model.
- To note the progress that had been made towards greater service level integration of health and social care through the development of local Care Closer to Home Integrated Networks.
- To endorse service level integration of health and social care through initiatives such as Care Closer to Home Integrated Networks.
- To approve the option of a reformed in-house service as the delivery vehicle for adult social care in Barnet.
- To agree that, subject to the agreement of recommendations 1-3 above, the Alternative Delivery Vehicle project would be closed down in accordance with the Council's project management methodology.

9. STATUTORY ADULT SOCIAL CARE ANNUAL COMPLAINTS REPORT 2016-17

The Chairman introduced the report, which is a statutory requirement from adult social care, and provided an overview of the management and performance relating to complaints.

Following consideration and feedback from the Committee the Strategic Director for Adults, Communities and Health agreed:

- To investigate the reasons for the reduction in the number of written compliments.
- To review how comparative data can be more effectively presented in future.
- To carry out an analysis of the complaints and compliments to spot any trends and aid improvement to services.
- To provide data on suspension or part suspension of homecare agency services over the past year.

Following the consideration of the report, the Chairman moved to the vote. Votes were recorded as follows:

For:	9
Against:	0
Abstentions	0

The committee unanimously **RESOLVED** – To approve the Adults and Communities Annual Complaints Report 2016-17 for publication.

10. THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE LOCAL ACCOUNT 2016-17

The Chairman introduced the report, which is intended for local residents, service users and their carers, and set out the work of the local authority's adult social care service.

Following consideration and feedback from the Committee the Strategic Director for Adults, Communities and Health agreed to include:

- The context of the challenges faced by services in future reports.

Following consideration of the report, the Chairman moved to the vote on the recommendations as set out in the report. Votes were recorded as follows:

For:	9
Against:	0
Abstentions	0

The committee unanimously **RESOLVED - To approve the annual Local Account for publication on the Council's website.**

11. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Chairman introduced the report on the Committee's Forward Work Programme.

A Member requested that the Committee receive a report on the impact of Brexit on the provision of Adult Social Care in the Borough. The Committee noted that the Policy and Resources Committee would be receiving a report on the wider issue of service provision within the context of Brexit. The Chairman requested that the Strategic Director for Adults, Communities and Health ensure that the issues surrounding the provision of adult social care are considered when Policy and Resources Committee receive this report.

The Committee RESOLVED to note the Forward Work Programme.

12. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 8.38 pm