

## Decisions of the Adults and Safeguarding Committee

14 September 2021

Members Present:-

Councillor Sachin Rajput (Chairman)

Councillor Golnar Bokaei  
Councillor Felix Byers  
Councillor Nicole Richer  
Councillor Sarah Wardle

Councillor Paul Edwards  
Councillor Gill Sargeant  
Councillor Jess Brayne  
Councillor Alison Moore (sub for  
Councillor Anne Clarke)

Apologies for Absence

Councillor Lisa Rutter  
Councillor Saira Don

Councillor Anne Clarke

### 1. CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the covid protocols.

### 2. MINUTES

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2021, be approved as a correct record.**

### 3. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

Councillor Saira Don – no substitute present.

Councillor Rutter – no substitute present.

Councillor Anne Clarke – Councillor Alison Moore in attendance as substitute.

### 4. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER INTERESTS

None.

### 5. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (IF ANY)

None.

**6. MEMBERS' ITEMS (IF ANY)**

None.

**7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS (IF ANY)**

None.

**8. THE IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC ON THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE PROVIDER SECTOR AND THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE VOLUNTARY SECTOR**

The Chairman explained that this report provided an overview of the impact of Covid-19 on care providers and the adult social care voluntary and community sector. It also covered the ways in which the Council and partners had worked together to mitigate these and future support arrangements.

The Chairman welcomed Helen Newman, Chief Executive, Age UK, Barnet and Ray Booth, Chief Executive, Barnet Mencap to the meeting, who both proceeded to address the Committee about the impact on their organisations during and post the pandemic.

The Chairman also noted the apology of Caroline Collier, Chief Executive, Inclusion Barnet, who was unable to attend the meeting.

Councillor Edwards raised concerns about the closure of one of the Borough's Care Homes in terms of impact on residents and staff.

The Chairman replied that staff across the whole sector were valued by the Council. However, this venue was going to be disrupted by works for up to 18 months. Therefore, the decision was taken to move residents in the interests of their health and safety and well-being. The Chairman also pointed out that the staffing issues did not fall under the jurisdiction of this Committee.

Dawn Wakeling, Executive Director Adults and Health, outlined the health and safety issues and explained that the Council would work with the Barnet Group to find alternative employment for workers.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**9. FIT AND ACTIVE BARNET (FAB) FRAMEWORK (2016 - 2021) REVIEW**

The Chairman introduced this report explaining that in March 2017, the Adults and Safeguarding Committee approved the Fit & Active Barnet Framework (2016-21), the Council's strategy for sport and physical activity, which set out a vision to make Barnet a 'more active and healthy borough'.

This report outlined the progress made throughout the strategy period to date, highlighting achievements against the four key outcomes of the Framework, made possible by working collaboratively across the Fit & Active Partnership.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and Officers responded accordingly.

**RESOLVED that the Adults and Safeguarding Committee note:**

1. **Progress and implementation of the Fit & Active Barnet Framework (2016 - 2021) outlined within Appendix A.**
2. **The timescale for developing a new Fit & Active Barnet Framework to be presented at a future Committee.**

**10. BARNET MULTI-AGENCY SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21**

The Chairman welcomed Fiona Bateman, Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Board to the meeting.

Fiona Bateman spoke about the Annual Report for 2020-2021 and responded to Members questions. She also gave an open invitation to attend lunch and learn sessions held monthly, each covering a different topic.

Officers extended an invite to Members of the Committee to discuss case scenarios.

**RESOLVED**

1. **That the Adults and Safeguarding Committee note the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2020-21.**
2. **That the Committee note that following the Adults and Safeguarding Committee meeting, the Annual Report will be published on the Council website and BSAB webpages.**

**11. QUARTER 1 (Q1) 2021/22 DELIVERY PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Chairman introduced this report and explained that the Committee received a performance report each quarter updating on progress, performance and risk against its priorities. This report provided a thematic overview of performance for Q1 2021/22, focusing on the activities to deliver both the corporate and committee priorities in the Adults and Safeguarding Delivery Plan.

Councillor Edwards stated that this report was written prior to the upcoming National Insurance increases and raised concerns about the impact of the increase and obligation to commissioning services and employees.

Councillor Edwards suggested that the matter be referred to Policy and Resources Committee. However, it was noted that the report was written in advance of the National Insurance increase and did not refer it, so a formal referral was not the appropriate mechanism for raising the issue.

However, the Chairman agreed to raise the issue, as a Member of Policy and Resources Committee, when the increase was discussed as part of the overall Council budget.

**RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**12. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chairman introduced the Forward Work Programme, which outlined details of future items for submission to the Committee.

**RESOLVED that**

- 1. The Work Programme be noted;**
- 2. Caroline Collier, Chief Executive, Inclusion Barnet, be invited to the January 2022 meeting to address the Committee.**

**13. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

None.

The meeting finished at 9.45pm