

Decisions of the Adults and Safeguarding Committee

11 January 2022

Members Present:-

Councillor Sachin Rajput (Chairman)
Councillor Lisa Rutter (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Saira Don	Councillor Paul Edwards
Councillor Golnar Bokaei	Councillor Anne Clarke
Councillor Felix Byers	Councillor Gill Sargeant
Councillor Nicole Richer	Councillor Jess Brayne
Councillor Sarah Wardle	

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2021, be agreed as a correct record.

2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER 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. PRESENTATION FROM INCLUSION BARNET - EXPERIENCES OF THE SOCIAL CARE VOLUNTARY SECTOR DURING THE PANDEMIC

The Chairman welcomed Caroline Collier, Chief Executive Officer, Inclusion Barnet to the meeting.

She proceeded to give a presentation on the work Inclusion Barnet did through the pandemic, the impact on different groups and State of the Sector Survey.

She also spoke about Touch Point and reflected on the positive relationship between the sector and the Council.

The Chairman spoke about how Barnet First could be utilised to promote the continued need for volunteers, amongst other things.

Members asked several questions and the Chairman thanked Caroline Collier for attending the meeting.

8. DRAFT FIT & ACTIVE BARNET FRAMEWORK 2022-2026

The Chairman pointed out that The Fit & Active Barnet (FAB) Framework 2022–2026 outlined a local framework for the development of sport and physical activity in Barnet over the next five years.

Through alignment with national and local strategies, it sets out a partnership approach to increasing participation in sport and physical activity to achieve a more active and healthy borough.

The draft Framework had been shaped by services across the Council, partners, and residents through a series of engagement methods.

The draft Framework built on the success of the previous FAB Framework covering 2016–2021 and aims to increase physical activity levels in the borough in the context of people, place, and partnerships.

Officers answered Members questions regarding the Framework.

RESOLVED that The Adults and Safeguarding Committee approve the draft Fit & Active Barnet Framework 2022-2026 (Appendix 1) for public consultation and note that following consultation, the final Fit & Active Barnet Framework 2022-2026 will be presented to the Adults and Safeguarding Committee for approval in March 2022, together with an implementation plan and consultation findings.

9. PREVENTION REPORT

The Chairman reported that for a number of years, the Prevention and Wellbeing team within adult social care had been working with individuals on the edge of the care system to improve their outcomes and prevent, reduce or delay their requirement for care services. The team had also carried out development work at a local level to improve the service offer for residents.

Funding had been secured to expand the Prevention and Wellbeing team. This report asked the Committee to give consideration to the work that the expanded team would do and agree the approach to prioritising work and allocating resource.

Members welcomed this report and asked several questions including the best way to access the service, details of timescales, consultation with residents, reporting back to the Committee, which Officers confirmed could be achieved via the Delivery Plan and asked for a report back to this Committee on the Dementia Strategy.

RESOLVED that the Adults and Safeguarding Committee agree the proposed priorities and approach for the expanded prevention and wellbeing service.

10. SOCIAL CARE STAFF AND COVID 19 VACCINATION

The Chairman noted that on the 11th November 2021, government regulations came into effect which required care staff to be fully vaccinated against Covid 19 in order to work in care homes. These regulations also applied to staff and volunteers who enter care homes as part of their work, such as social workers.

On the 9th November 2021, the government announced that from 1st April 2022, being fully vaccinated would also become mandatory for staff in health and the wider social care sector.

This report provided an update on mandatory Covid 19 vaccinations for social care staff in Barnet, including social care staff employed by the council, care home staff and staff in other social care settings.

Members asked several questions which Officers answered accordingly.

The Executive Director also agreed to supply Councillor Sargeant with details regarding the number of staff who may have been unable to work temporarily and had then returned after leaving due to initially being unvaccinated.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

11. COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED that the Forward Work Programme be noted and a report on Supporting Independence, be added to the Work Programme for a report back to a future meeting of this Committee.

12. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 9.19pm