



Adults and Safeguarding Committee

15 March 2021

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| Title | Members' Items in the name of Councillor Paul Edwards and Councillor Anne Clarke |
| Report of | Head of Governance |
| Wards | All |
| Urgent | No |
| Key | No |
| Status | Public |
| Enclosures | None |
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Summary

The report informs the Committee of Members' Items and requests instructions from the Committee.

Recommendations

1. That the Committee's instructions in relation to the Members' items are requested.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Members of the Committee has requested that the items tabled below are submitted to the Adults and Safeguarding Committee for consideration and determination. The Committee are requested to provide instructions to Officers of the Council as recommended.

| Member | Item |
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| <p data-bbox="204 309 421 376">Councillor Paul Edwards</p> <p data-bbox="204 454 453 633">Paying former Fremantle workers at least London's Living Wage</p> | <p data-bbox="488 309 1436 412">It's been a while since the Committee looked at the affordability of paying at least London's Living Wage (LLW) to the former Fremantle workers.</p> <p data-bbox="488 454 1436 560">All other care workers employed by Your Choice Barnet (YCB) and The Barnet Group (TBG) are already paid at least London's Living Wage, and it is TBG policy to pay all staff at least LLW.</p> <p data-bbox="488 602 1436 707">The Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted once again the need to pay the former Fremantle care workers at least the London Living Wage.</p> <p data-bbox="488 750 1436 891">I ask that the Committee, Barnet Council and The Barnet Group give a commitment to ensure Barnet's former Fremantle workers are paid at least LLW, with the funding to be allocated in the forthcoming budget for implementation in 2021/22.</p> |
| <p data-bbox="204 936 395 1003">Councillor Anne Clarke</p> <p data-bbox="204 1046 443 1149">Integration of Health & Social Care</p> | <p data-bbox="488 936 1436 1294">As Government legislation on Integrated Health and Social Care may soon become law, there remains several concerns across all political parties. Local Councils need assurance that local authority social care budgets do not become consolidated into Health. The pandemic has rightly highlighted the dedication and professionalism of all those working for the NHS. It has equally brought a spotlight on the dedication and professionalism of those who work in the social care sector, whilst equally revealing the disparity in resources available to social care compared with health, including fundamentally different fiscal constraints.</p> <p data-bbox="488 1337 1436 1514">We are concerned that local government, which is responsible for social care, does not become the poor relation. We understand the 2014 Care will be repealed and replaced with new legislation, although at this stage the ramifications for local authorities are unclear.</p> <p data-bbox="488 1556 1436 1845">We request that officers brief the committee on what might be expected from new legislation on Integrated Care Systems and the proposed white paper on Integration and Innovation, with members of HOSC also invited. What are the strengths and weakness of the new proposals? What are the challenges the local authority faces as the new arrangements unfold? What assurances are there that the NHS and the Local Authority will have equal status in the new arrangements?</p> |

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 No recommendations have been made. The Committee are therefore requested to give consideration and provide instruction.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 As and when issues raised through a Member's Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan, Barnet 2024 and other relevant policies.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 The Council's Constitution (Members of the Council, Article 2) states that a Member, including appointed substitute Members of a Committee or Sub-Committee will be permitted to have one matter only on an agenda that he/she serves. Members' items must be within the term of reference of the decision making body which will consider the item.

5.4 Social Value

- 5.4.1 Not applicable.

5.5 Risk Management

- 5.5.1 None in the context of this report.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.6.1 Members' Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

5.7 Corporate Parenting

5.7.1 None identified in the context of this report – any substantive report will consider the implications in detail.

5.8 **Insight**

5.8.1 None.

5.9 **Consultation and Engagement**

5.9.1 None in the context of this report.

6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 None.