

PEOPLE AND HEALTH OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4 MAY 2021

Present: Cllrs Andrew Kerby (Chairman), Pauline Batstone (Vice-Chairman), Tony Alford, Pete Barrow, Toni Coombs, Ryan Holloway, Stella Jones, Beryl Ezzard, Rebecca Knox and Daryl Turner

Also present: Cllr Jon Andrews, Cllr Cherry Brooks, Cllr Ray Bryan, Cllr Graham Carr-Jones, Cllr Jill Haynes, Cllr Rob Hughes, Cllr Nick Ireland, Cllr Laura Miller, Cllr Jon Orrell, Cllr Mike Parkes, Cllr Bill Pipe, Cllr Molly Rennie, Cllr Jane Somper and Cllr Andrew Starr

Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):

Andrew Billany (Corporate Director of Housing, Dorset Council), Vivienne Broadhurst (Interim Executive Director - People Adults), Eryl Doust (Project Manager), Andy Frost (Community Safety and Drug Action Manager), Lesley Hutchinson (Corporate Director for Adults Commissioning), Theresa Leavy (Executive Director of People - Children), Paul Rutter (Service Manager for Leisure Services), Steve Veevers (Corporate Director Operations, Adult Care), Jeanette Young (Interim Head of Commissioning & Improvement) and Fiona King (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

Hannah Baker and Hazel Province from the Arts Development Company were also in attendance.

38. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

39. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made at the meeting.

40. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 4 March 2021 were agreed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

41. Public Participation

There were no submissions from town or parish councils or from members of the public.

42. Questions from Members

There were no questions received from Councillors.

43. **Cultural Strategy**

The Committee considered the Cultural Strategy for the Dorset Council area that had been developed in a collaborative way; one that gave stakeholders the opportunity to influence its development and shape the ambitions and priorities. The cultural strategy would sit within a new framework, one that would drive the vision and support the delivery.

The Portfolio Holder for Customer and Community Services advised members this would be an important document that would allow other organisations to utilise the agreements of the democratically elected body to chase further inward funding. It was a working flexible document and highlighted that the Natural Environment was a hugely important part of the culture in Dorset.

Areas of discussion

The importance of publicising local events to encourage tourism. No mention of the Sturminster Newton Cheese Festival which attracted huge crowds.

With regards to the 'Heritage' paragraph confirmation which Sturminster was needed.

Concern the message of what the document was about had been lost.

Very ambitious document, concern how it would all be achieved within the timescale.

Specifics would evolve into an action plan over the 5 year duration.

A Health and Wellbeing Impact Assessment was needed before the final sign off.

The importance of drawing out the impacts across the Health Service.

Confusion how the strategy would be performance managed. The importance of getting all the partners on board to ensure all were delivering on the strategy was highlighted.

Welcome the involvement of young people and schools at an early stage.

Members were reminded that this Strategy was about Dorset Council helping other organisations collaborate and empowering other organisations to deliver the outcomes, 99% of which would be delivered by partners.

Decisions

1. That the Dorset's Cultural Strategy 2021-2026 be supported and recommended to Cabinet for adoption.
2. That officers work with Arts Council England, the Arts Development Company and key stakeholders to develop a Cultural Compact type framework that will enable the work of the strategy to be fulfilled and effectively managed, and this be recommended to Cabinet for approval.

Reasons for Decisions

A cultural strategy helped to increase the opportunities of securing new investment into Dorset and maximise the leverage value of the council's own investment in arts, heritage and culture. This cultural strategy will be the foundation on which Dorset Council will set its own funding criteria, ensuring

that all grant recipients are contributing to the priorities and ambitions of the plan.

The strategy will also play a key role in the recovery of the sector. It will not only inform how Dorset Council will support the sector in the future, but it will set out a united direction for culture in our county for other stakeholders, funders, cross sector partners, Parish and Town Councils, organisations and individuals. A collaborative approach to cultural provision will directly benefit our communities, visitors, and the local economy.

A framework, in the shape of a Cultural Compact will nurture a cross sector partnership designed to support the local cultural sector and enhance its contribution to the life of that place. Such a collaboration will facilitate co-ordinated action to support the delivery of the ambitions within the strategy; sustain our cultural infrastructure, drive lasting social and economic benefits and leverage new resources.

44. **Developing the Prevention Strategy supporting the Older People Carers Strategy**

The Committee considered a report which highlighted the range of approaches that prevention and preventative services could cover in order to create the right range of preventative services for the people of Dorset.

Areas of discussion

Importance of joint working.

Working with partners and avoiding any duplication.

Financial input.

Practical arrangements for supporting carers.

Consider changing name from Prevention Strategy to avoid confusion with Prevent work.

Facilitating discussions with people before they become carers.

Child Carers highlighted.

Work of the Primary Care Networks highlighted and the work to engage with them.

Partnership approach

Home First Model highlighted

Consideration of a workshop in the near future, to focus on carers, inviting members and stakeholders and then to report back again with further details.

Concern around the hospital offer around hospital discharges, officers were looking to ensure there was a more joined up approach. A Workshop on this area for members would be welcomed.

Concern around people having difficulty getting through to the Council on the telephone. Officers undertook to review this.

Communication with health services highlighted as sometimes chaotic.

Decision

1. That the development of a preventative strategy supporting the development of the older people's carers strategy be supported.

2. That a workshop on the strategy be arranged.

3. That a workshop on hospital discharges be arranged.

Reasons for Decisions

Whilst preventative work is already underway, the development of a Prevention Strategy will allow greater focus on the resource and capacity required to pull current strands together to:

Introduce interventions that had a proven track record elsewhere;
Enable a cost benefit analysis of interventions in Dorset ;
Provide an evidence base for future opportunities;
Demonstrate improvement in wellbeing at individual and community level; and
Support the development of the older people's carers strategy which was critical for the reduction of high cost social care services.

45. The Council's duties under Prevent

The Committee considered a report which set out the requirements on local authorities in respect of The Prevent Duty Guidance for England and Wales.

Areas of discussion

Extremism can be an issue anywhere, including here in Dorset.

Training – much was dictated by central government and was delivered via Home Office online training. Prevent training was mandatory for officers and had been part of the member induction training. Link to the virtual training would be sent to members.

Might be useful to run as a regular training event.

Inclusion of communities highlighted.

Reference to the links between hate crime and Prevent. Officers worked closely with Dorset Police on hate crime issues.

The Channel Panel membership was further explained.

The opportunity for greater visibility of the Prevent Duty when the report was presented to Full Council for adoption.

Decisions

1. Members considered and commented on the Council's work on Prevent, including the Channel system. This was to support the Council in its duty to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. Channel Panels were multi-agency practitioner groups that came together when someone was identified as being at risk of being drawn into extremism.
2. That members of the Audit and Governance Committee be asked to amend Article 11 of the Council's Constitution to include the new statutory Channel Panel, its proposed membership and terms of reference.
3. Members considered how to increase awareness of Prevent work amongst Dorset Councillors including by using the Prevent Elected Members Handbook published by the Home Office.

Reason for Decisions

To ensure Dorset Council met its statutory duties and expectations relating to Prevent.

46. Committee's Forward Plan and Cabinet's Forward Plan

The Committee considered its Forward Plan and that of the Cabinet.

Following a discussion about the Integrated Care System Plan the Executive Director for People, Adults undertook to speak with the Chairman of the Dorset Health and Wellbeing Board outside of the meeting to find the best route to ensure engagement and understanding for elected members.

47. Urgent Items

There were no urgent items of business.

48. Exempt Business

There were no exempt items.

Duration of meeting: 10.00 - 11.50 am

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