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PEOPLE AND HEALTH OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2023

Present: Cllrs Mike Parkes (Chairman), Pauline Batstone (Vice-Chairman), Tony Alford, Jean Dunseith, Beryl Ezzard, Ryan Holloway and Cathy Lugg

Apologies: Cllrs Pete Barrow, Stella Jones and Rebecca Knox

Also present: Cllr Jane Somper

Also present remotely: Cllr Andrew Parry

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

Vivienne Broadhurst (Executive Director - People Adults), Julia Ingram (Interim Corporate Director for Adult Care), Amanda Davis (Corporate Director for Education and Learning), Paul Dempsey (Corporate Director - Care & Protection), Claire Shiels (Corporate Director - Commissioning, Quality & Partnerships), Mark Rogers (Independent Chair, Birth to Settled Adulthood Board), John Miles (Democratic Services Officer Apprentice) and George Dare (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

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

Jonathan Price (Interim Corporate Director for Commissioning)

55. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received by Cllrs Pete Barrow, Stella Jones, and Rebecca Knox.

56. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

57. **Minutes**

Proposed by Cllr Batstone, seconded by Cllr Ezzard.

Decision: That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 January 2023 be confirmed and signed.

58. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

59. **Councillor Questions**

There were no questions from councillors.

60. **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

61. **Birth to Settled Adulthood - Independent Chair's Report**

The Lead Member for Health introduced the report. There were challenges ahead for the project, however there was strong leadership within the partnership. The project was providing better outcomes for families and young people.

The Independent Chair gave a presentation which is attached to these minutes. This has been a positive and productive year, and the programme was on track. The report focussed on four strengths and four areas of risk. Strengths included programme leadership, partnership commitment, political oversight, and programme planning. The areas of risk included focus, funding, workforce preparation, and communications and engagement.

Committee Members asked questions of the Independent Chair, who responded to the questions. The following points were raised:

- The programme was measuring sentiments, so the partnership can understand if people think the programme is getting better.
- The programme would not stop if there was no funding.
- There was a need to know how much is spent and where savings would need to be.
- The partnership was not particularly strong at the start of 2022; however, it has developed and there was a strong commitment from leaders.
- Relationships in the partnership were now more developed.
- There was a political commitment to change.
- The process to recruit a new programmed director had started.

Members asked for examples of the project and the difference it was making.

The Committee asked for another report of the Independent Chair at the meeting on 14 September 2023.

62. **Committee's Work Plan and Cabinet's Forward Plan**

The committee noted their work programme.

The Chairman asked for an interim report on the Housing Strategy to be brought to the meeting on 27 June.

63. **Exempt Business**

There was no exempt business.

Duration of meeting: 10.00 - 10.36 am

Chairman

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Birth to Settled Adulthood Programme



People & Health Overview Committee

21st March 2023

2nd Report
Independent Chair

Birth to Settled Adulthood Programme



Introduction

This is, first and foremost, an assurance report.

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“The overall assessment of the work undertaken in 2022 is that it has laid the majority of the foundations for the programme to transition from ‘getting ready’ to ‘getting going’. That is to say, the partnership between Dorset Council, NHS Dorset and the Dorset Parent Carer Council is such that there was agreement at the start of 2023 that sufficient groundwork had been undertaken in the previous twelve months that the crucial activity of service redesign could commence.”

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Strengths

The report sets out four key areas considered in determining the programme's likelihood of success:

- Programme leadership capacity and capability
- Partnership commitment and collaborative working (including the Joint Declaration)
- Political oversight, support and challenge
- Programme planning, reporting and risk assessment

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Risks

The report also sets out four key areas of risk which need to be closely monitored and mitigated for the programme's ongoing likelihood of success:

- Focus, capacity and capabilities
- Funding: understanding present and future funding and savings requirements and lead-in times
- Workforce preparation and readiness
- Communications and engagement

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Summary

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“The most important message in this report is that this major programme is, at the start of 2023, on track to deliver the much needed and long-awaited improvement and transformation to the experience and services available to support children and young people with a special educational need or disability. It is challenging work, but I see the commitment to making these changes across the whole of the partnership; and, perhaps, as important, a growing and positive collaborative effort that is making this partnership stronger month-by month.”

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Recommendation

Birth To Settled Adulthood is a major improvement and transformation programme and the Committee has an important role to play in ensuring that it has the desired impact.

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The Committee is requested to provide feedback.

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