

PEOPLE AND HEALTH OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2023

Present: Cllrs Mike Parkes (Chairman), Cathy Lugg (Vice-Chairman), Tony Alford, Jean Dunseith, Beryl Ezzard, Ryan Holloway, Stella Jones, Rebecca Knox and Howard Legg

Apologies: Cllrs Pauline Batstone

Also present: Cllr Jane Somper

Also present remotely: Cllr Cherry Brooks

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

George Dare (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Amanda Davis (Corporate Director for Education and Learning), Julia Ingram (Corporate Director for Adult Social Care Operations), Theresa Leavy (Executive Director of People - Children), Claire Shiels (Corporate Director - Commissioning & Partnerships), Tony McDougal (Communications Business Partner - Adults and Housing), Joshua Kennedy (Apprentice Democratic Services Officer), Kelly Henry (Interim Head of Placement Commissioning) and Karen Stephens (Interim Head of Service - Market Relationships, Major Contracts, and Over 65's)

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

Mark Rogers (Independent Chair, Birth to Settled Adulthood Board)

19. **Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Pauline Batstone.

20. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

21. **Minutes**

Proposed by Cllr Holloway, seconded by Cllr Ezzard.

Decision

That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2023 be confirmed and signed.

22. **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

23. Councillor Questions

There were no questions from councillors.

24. Urgent Items

There were no urgent items.

25. Committee's Work Programme and Cabinet's Forward Plan

There were no comments from the committee on the work programme or the Cabinet Forward Plan.

Several items had been added to the work programme since the previous meeting.

26. Ofsted Regulation of Supported Accommodation for 16-17 Year Olds

The Corporate Director for Commissioning and Partnerships introduced the report and gave a presentation which is attached to these minutes. The presentation outlined supported accommodation, the reasons for policy change and the approach to this in Dorset, the new requirements including registration of providers, and the financial implications.

Committee members discussed and report and asked questions of the officers. The following points were raised:

- Grant funding from the Department for Education was £330,000 which would be given to the council in four equal instalments.
- Part of the Ofsted inspection regime included talking to children and young people.
- There was an open consultation on the Ofsted inspection so there may be changes to the inspection as a result of this consultation.
- Social workers and personal advisors would work with young people when they turn 18.
- There was a one-off registration fee for registering the supported accommodation.
- There was a risk in the Ofsted inspection process when they would inspect the head office and not the supported accommodation. It was important that children and young people were included in the process.
- There was a national charity with regional groups which were sharing information and delivering training.
- 16-17 year olds will not be able to be placed in unregistered accommodation.

- The new national policy may impact provision through some providers no longer providing for 16-17 year olds or some providers specialising in this age group.

Proposed by Cllr Alford, seconded by Cllr Knox

Decision

That the adoption of the approach to Ofsted regulation of supported accommodation for 16-17 year olds be recommended to Cabinet.

27. Birth to Settled Adulthood - Report of the Independent Chair

The Independent Chair of the Birth to Settled Adulthood Board introduced the report and gave a presentation which is attached to these minutes. The introduction included a summary of the previous report in March 2023 and the key areas of the report being considered at this meeting were highlighted.

Committee members discussed the report and asked questions of the officers and the Independent Chair. The following points were raised:

- Both Dorset Council and NHS Dorset needed a shared understanding of the how much funding was currently being spent and how much would be needed in the future.
- There was a need to ensure that resources were sufficient to provide the services.
- Collaborative working could be developed further through an understanding of the cost for poor transitions.
- Families may prefer to meet online, and they will be able to meet in-person or have physical resources too.
- Young people were not keen on attending the Birth to Settled Adulthood Board meetings. However, there was good representation from the Dorset Parent Carer Council.
- There were opportunities for officers to receive feedback from young people.

The 9 focused outcomes of the service redesign would be shared with the committee.

Members noted the progress and the update.

28. Exempt Business

There was no exempt business.

Duration of meeting: 10.00 - 11.03 am

Chairman

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