

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

HEALTH & WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held at Abercynon Sports Centre, on Tuesday, 3rd July, 2018 at 5 p.m.

Present

County Borough Councillor R.Yeo – in the Chair

County Borough Councillors

A. Chapman	P. Howe	J. Williams
J. Davies	L. Jones	
M. Forey	(Mrs) A. Roberts	
G. Holmes	(Mrs) M. Tegg	

In Attendance

County Borough Councillor R. Lewis – Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Well-being & Cultural Services

County Borough Councillor S. Evans – Vice Chair of Overview and Scrutiny

Officers

Mr G. Isingrini – Group Director, Community and Children’s Services

Mr D Batten – Head of Leisure, Parks & Countryside

Mrs L. Bridgman - Head Of Service Short Term Intervention

Mr C.B. Jones – Director of Legal and Democratic Services

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Borough Councillor L. De Vet, G. Stacey and G. Hughes

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED – that in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct, there were no personal interests made at the meeting pertaining to the agenda.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – To approve as an accurate record of the minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on the 16th April 2018.

4 CHANGES TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Committee agreed that the agenda would be considered out of sequence and as detailed in the minutes set out hereunder.

5 UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY OF 3G PITCHES THROUGHOUT RHONDDA CYNON TAF

The Head of Leisure, Parks and Countryside presented the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee with an update on the development and delivery of 3G pitches throughout Rhondda Cynon Taf.

It was explained that the Council, through a collaborative approach between leisure and Parks with 21st Century Schools, have invested in the development of 3G pitches over the last 3 years. Members were informed that there are currently nine Council 3G pitches across the County Borough with an additional five in the process of being developed.

The Head of Leisure, Parks and Countryside along with the Cabinet Member Stronger Communities, Well-being & Cultural Services informed Members explained to Member the investment made in the development of the new facilities throughout communities within the County Borough has a positive impact on the lives of people that live and work in Rhondda, Cynon Taf, this supports the seven well-being goals.

Before the Meeting Members visited the new development at Abercynon Leisure where Member could see the high quality facility is set up and the benefit that it brings to the health and wellbeing of communities all year round.

Members thanked the officers for the presentation and report and put forward their questions and comments. A Member asked whether the investment was beneficial to the Authority. Officers explained that the facilities can be used all year round and that the investment would provide improved accessibility of facilities and increased opportunities within local communities which in turn will have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of residents of Rhondda Cynon Taf.

A Member asked if there was any information regarding injuries sustained on the 3G surface. The Head of Parks, Leisure and Countryside responded that there is no evidence at present to suggest that any injuries have been caused whilst playing on the new surface.

Members thanked officers for the report and congratulated them on their achievements.

After a further discussion Members RESLOVED to:

- Acknowledge the progress made by the Council in the targeted investment in to improving sports facilities across the County Borough.

6. STAY WELL AT HOME SERVICE UPADTE REPORT

The Head of Service Short Term Intervention presented Members with a presentation in respect of the progress made by the Stay Well at Home Service (SW@H) over the first 12months, along with an overview outlining where the Local Authority stands in respect of delayed transfers of care.

Members were presented with key challenges for delayed transfers of care which are:

- Case complexity
- Timeliness of assessment – including specialist assessment and CHC
- Availability of specialist nursing accommodation: in particular dementia nursing
- Patient / Family disagreements issues

The Head of Service Short Term Intervention took Members through a table showing them the progress made from May 2017 to April 2018. Members were informed of what Adult services is doing differently:

- working to reduce delays for assessment and arrainging meetings
- The introduction of a Brokerage Service to support work with the independent sector.
- RCTCBC/ MTCBC in house services supporting the independent sector as we work with provider services to shorten response times and manage capacity.
- Supporting the residential and nursing homes sector with bed management
- New Service developments.

In December 2017 Members were presented with a progress report on the new SW@H service and it was agreed that the Health and Wellbeing Committee would receive a report updating Member on the progress made by the Stay well at Home Service after being established for 12months.

The Head of Service Short Term Intervention gave a brief overview of the structure of the service and updated Member on what is different about the service. The Head of Service explained that:

- Assessments are undertaken outside of core hours at the acute hospital sites
- Care/ support package agreed and established within the agreed 4 hour response – 7 days a week, including bank holidays.
- Information is shared across health & social care , using one record
- Discharge to assess model used
- Community review undertaken within the first 14 days
- An enabling approach is implemented to increase independence levels and reduce dependence on long term service provision.

The Committee were informed of the 3 main measurers of success which are used

1. % reduction in people admitted to a hospital bed from A&E
2. % increase in numbers admitted but returning home early
3. % reduction for those transferred to a community hospital

Members were presented with data which showed that in relation to the SW@h Hospital based team:

- 3457 referrals were made to the team
- 180 assessments completed with 79% of referrals responded to within 1 hour
- 78% discharge from “front door “ 22% from the wards
- 81% were 74+ years old, the majority conveyed to A & E via ambulance.

In respect of the RCT Support @home Service Members were presented with figure showing that:

- 582 referrals resulting in 557 discharges (6,931 hours of support)
- 54% referred within core hours (9 – 5 Monday to Friday)
- All referrals responded to within the agreed 4 hour timescale
- 490 reviews completed
- 16% were readmitted to hospital
- 52 % of people left the service requiring no ongoing social care services.

Officers went on to explain the Age Connects better at home service, Nursing @Home Service and Your Medicine @home Service which has very pleasing results. Members were presented with a graph showing the significant improvements in the number of cancelled operations.

After in depth discussion the Health and Well being Committee put their questions and observation forward.

A Member commented that the service is a fantastic scheme which makes a vast difference in freeing up beds for patients that are in desperate need of a hospital stay.

A Member asked a question regarding the Medicines @ home Service relating to the training of staff. Officers explained that there are 900 domiciliary care staff members being trained to support medication administration.

Members were pleased to see that in term of Value for Money initial indications show that the implementation of the Stay Well @home Service is promising, with a potential value of benefits outweighing the cost of investment by over 28%.

The Group Director, Community and Children’s Services announced to Members that the Stay Well @ Home service is being considered for two national awards which he credited to the dedication of the staff.

After further discussion Members RESOLVED to:

- Acknowledge the work of the Stay Well @home Service
- Receive a progress report in six month

- Congratulate staff on all the hard work that has been done within the Service.

7. DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT (DRAFT)

The Committee's comments were sought on the contents of the Director of Social Services Annual Report 2017/18. This will form part of the formal consultation process.

The Group Director Community and Children's Services explained that the Director of Social Services has to prepare and publish an annual report. The report must evaluate the performance of the Local Authority in relation to the delivery of its social services functions in respect of that year and include lessons learned. The report also has to set out objectives in relation to promoting the wellbeing of people who need care and support, and carers who need support, for the forthcoming year.

Members gave robust consideration to the report and put their views forward. Members thanked Officers for their report and **RESOLVED** that the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee will send their observations and remarks to the Group Director of Community and Children's Services who will incorporate the information in his final Report which will be presented to Cabinet.

8. HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

The Democratic Service Officer along with the Chair explained to Members that there is a requirement to devise and publish a Work Programme for each of the Council's Scrutiny Committees as set out in part 4 of the Constitution (Overview and Scrutiny Rules)

The Chair explained to Members that the Draft Work Programme had been agreed in the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 25th June 2018. Member was asked to consider the topics on the work programme.

After in depth discussion it was **RESOLVED** that:

- Member would inform the Chair and Democratic Services Officer by E-Mail of any topic that they wished add to the work programme for consideration.

**Cllr R. Yeo
Chair**

The Meeting closed at 6:40 p.m.