



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday, 9 July 2019 at 5.00 pm at the Council Chamber, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale, Tonypany, CF40 2XX.

County Borough Councillors - Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Members in attendance:-

Councillor R Yeo (Chair)

Councillor G Holmes	Councillor A Roberts
Councillor M Forey	Councillor L Jones
Councillor J Williams	Councillor G Stacey
Councillor M Tegg	Councillor G Hughes
Councillor D Owen-Jones	Councillor C Willis
Councillor W Jones	

Officers in attendance:-

Mr C Hanagan, Service Director of Democratic Services & Communication
Mr G Isingrini, Group Director Community & Children's Services
Mr A Wilkins, Director of Legal Services

County Borough Councillors in attendance:-

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from County Borough Councillor J. Davies and P. Howe.

2 Declaration of Interest

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, there were no declarations made pertaining to the agenda.

3 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the 19th March 2019 as an accurate reflection of the meeting, subject to it being noted that County Borough Councillor M Forey apologies had not been recorded.

4 Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Work Programme 2019/20

The Service Director, Democratic Services & Communications presented Members of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee with the draft Work Programme up until the end of December 2019 following it being endorsed by

Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 1st July 2019.

Members were reminded that at the special meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 1st May 2019, a report was presented which provided a response to the request from Committee Members to review the Council's Scrutiny arrangements and to update Members on the progress from the Wales Audit Office (WAO) report in respect of the Council's Scrutiny arrangements 'Fit for the Future'.

Members praised the new way of working and agreed that this would strengthen scrutiny's role within the Council.

Members considered the content of the Health and Wellbeing Work programme in depth and put forward their views.

Members **RESOLVED** to:

- Agree the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2019/20 (up until December 2019 in the first instance)
- Agree that the Work Programme be reviewed at quarterly intervals to ensure the items identified for inclusion are relevant and that any additional referrals are incorporated.
- Agreed that if Members had any suggestions to notify Democratic Service with any suggestions.

5 Training

The Service Director, Democratic Services and Communications asked Members to consider their training requirements for the new municipal year and to consider if there is any specific training that will assist them to better undertake their scrutiny role.

It was suggested by the Chair that if Members wanted more time to consider their training needs then they could contact the Democratic Services department and arrangements could be made for future training.

It was **RESOLVED** to inform either the Chair of Health and Wellbeing or the Democratic Services Department of any future training needs.

6 Notice of Motion Initial Meeting in respect of Autism

The Service Director Democratic Services & Communications presented Members with the initial report in respect of the Notice of Motion regarding Autism, which was amended and adopted by the Council at its meeting on the 27th March 2019.

The Service Director Democratic Services & Communications asked Members to consider how as a Committee Members would want to proceed with taking this piece of work forward.

Members **RESOLVED** to:

- Agree to progress this matter on behalf of the Council

- Agree to consider how best to work in collaboration with relevant stakeholders on what more the Council can do to support those living with autism in Rhondda Cynon Taf.
- Agree that the Relevant Officers attend the next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny with an overview on how the Local Authority currently supports those living with autism within RCT.
- Invite the Proposer and Seconder of the Notice of Motion to attend the next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee when the matter is discussed.

7 Notice of Motion Initial Meeting in respect of Motor Neuron Disease

The Services Director Democratic Services & Communication explained that a Notice of Motion was presented to the meeting of the Council, which was held on the 6th March 2019 in respect of adopting the Motor Neurone Disease Association's MND Charter to help make a positive difference to lives of people living with MND in our local community.

Members considered the information put before them and **RESOLVED** to:

- Acknowledge the Motor Neurone Disease Association's Charter and the difference it makes to the lives of people living with MND in Rhondda Cynon Taf
- Agree to consider how best to identify the practical implications and how the Councils can best implement the aims of the Charter at a future meeting
- Instruct the relevant officers to bring forward specific recommendations to progress this matter, to the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee in October 2019.

8 Director of Social Service Draft Annual Report 2018/19

The Group Director of Community and Children's Services presented the Draft Director of Social Services Annual report to Members of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

It was explained that the Committee's comments were sought on the content of the Director of Social Services Annual Report 2018/19. It was explained that 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 function in respect of that year and include lessons learned. The report also sets 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 and put their views forward. A Member thanked the Officer for a very comprehensive report. Members congratulated the department on the commitment to work jointly with other organisation to support people wellbeing while living independently for as long as possible.

Members commented positively on the work being done with regards to the Community Hubs and the development new models of accommodation for the older person. Members were informed that a number of topics that are in the report will be presented to the committee later which can be found on the Committee's Work Programme.

Further questions and observations were put to the Group Director of Community and Children's Services and it was **RESOLVED** that the comments would be taken into consideration when compiling his final report.

This meeting closed at 5.50 pm

**CLLR R. YEO
CHAIR.**