

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXTERNAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

4th July, 2019

A meeting of the External Overview and Scrutiny Panel was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton on Thursday, 4th July, 2019.

Present

Councillors J. Beaumont, D. Brown, G. Daffern, K. Evans, C. Golby, L. Hocking, A. Llewellyn-Nash, B. Longden, M. Rudkin, J. Sargeant, J. Tandy (Substitute for Councillor T. Sheppard), R. Smith (Substitute for Councillor K. Brindley-Edwards), R. Tromans (Substitute for Councillor H. Walmsley) and Ms I. Klabisz.

Apologies: Councillors K. Brindley-Edwards, W. Hancox, T. Sheppard (Chair) and H. Walmsley (Vice-Chair).

PART I – PUBLIC BUSINESS

E01 Appointment of Chair

RESOLVED that in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Councillor R. Tromans be appointed as Chair of the meeting.

E02 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the External Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 18th April, 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

E03 Declarations of Interest

Councillor K. Evans declared that his declarations of interest had recently changed and requested that the Schedule be updated accordingly.

Councillor J. Beaumont requested that the Schedule be updated in regards to his representation on outside bodies.

Councillor G. Daffern requested that the Schedule be updated as her interests listed on the current Schedule were incorrect.

RESOLVED that the declarations of interest for this meeting are as set out in the Schedule attached to these minutes, and as amended above.

E04 The Future of Primary Care

Jenni Northcote, Chief Strategy and Primary Care Officer, NHS Warwickshire North and NHS Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Groups, gave a presentation to the Panel on Primary Care in Warwickshire North. A copy of the Draft Primary Care Strategy was distributed to the Panel.

The Panel considered the following matters:

- Structure, staffing and funding of the three primary care networks (PCN) in the Nuneaton and Bedworth area;
- concerns regarding patient voice and feedback on specifications;
- concerns regarding the digital offer to access services;
- the Primary Care Strategy engagement process and timeframes;
- the existing challenges to accessing services at one specific GP practice in the Borough and the contractual means to address that poor performance;
- concerns regarding the continued challenges being experienced with the 111 service; and
- concerns regarding the continued delay in the opening of the new GP practice in Weddington.

The Panel requested that the satisfaction rate scores of individual GP practices be provided as additional information, in order for the Panel to identify good/poor practice performance.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Panel be provided with the list of names of the PCN clinical directors; and
- b) an update be brought to the Panel in 12 months' time.

E05 Community Safety Performance for Quarter Four 2018/2019

A report was submitted to the Panel by the Director – Housing, Communities and Economic Development and the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Communities, detailing performance measures associated with seeking to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour from across the Borough. Appendix A of the report detailed Quarter Four performance for 2018/19. SNT Inspector for Nuneaton and Bedworth David Williams, also attended the meeting.

The Panel considered the following matters:

- the use and siting of domehawk cameras;
- the increase in crime in the Arbury area, especially in relation to vehicle crime;
- an explanation of the percentage figures shown on page 16 of the report relating to sexual offences;
- the increase in deliberate small fires and the strategy to deal with that – update to be requested from the Arson Reduction Officer;
- the recent incidences with gangs outside McDonalds in the Town Centre and the use of dispersal orders - Inspector David Williams agreed to monitor the situation.

RESOLVED that:

- a) Performance Monitoring charts be provided in colour at future meetings;
- b) the content of the report be reviewed; and

- c) this item be scheduled on the work programme for meeting dates that better correspond with the data period being reported.

E06 Overview & Scrutiny Guide 2019

The Director – Arts, Leisure and Democracy, submitted a report seeking the Panel’s consideration of the proposed amendments to the Overview and Scrutiny (OSP) Guide which was attached at Appendix A, following changes to Overview and Scrutiny Procedures and structure adopted at Annual Council on 16th May 2018 and subsequent amendments following Annual Council on 15th May, 2019.

The OSP Guide is a practical guide for Members, officers and others and contains rules and procedural information relating to Overview and Scrutiny, as detailed in the Council’s Constitution.

The Panel was informed that the Internal Overview and Scrutiny Panel, had approved the guide, with amendments to the Glossary, for recommendation to Council for approval.

RESOLVED that

- a) a recommendation be made to Council that the OSP Guide, as amended be approved, with the following additional amendment on page 7 paragraph 3 in relation to the ‘Call-in’ procedure: the number five be replaced with the number ten as follows:

“Once Cabinet decisions have been published there is a period of **10** clear working days where one Member of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel plus any two non-executive Members can ‘Call-in’ a decision.”;

and

- b) on approval of the above recommendation, the Council’s Constitution be amended accordingly.

E07 Forward Plan

The Panel received the Council’s Forward Plan for information, detailing the Key Decisions that would be made in the four months beginning 1st July, 2019.

RESOLVED that the Panel raise their concerns and request an explanation regarding the item on the Forward Plan – Feasibility Studies – Leisure Provision Options – which had been put back further to September 2019.

E08 Work Programme 2019/20

The proposed Work Programme for 2019/20 was presented to the Panel for approval.

RESOLVED that:

- a) the Work Programme 2019/20 be approved; and
- b) volunteer members for the Gambling and Changing Places Toilets Working Groups be sought.

Chair