

PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2013

- PRESENT:** Councillor Derlwyn Rees Hughes (Chair)
Councillor Alun Wyn Mummery (Vice-Chair)
- Councillors W T Hughes, Richard Owain Jones, Dafydd Rhys Thomas and Dylan Rees.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Director of Community (GC),
Head of Service (Children's Services) (AH) (In respect of Item 4),
Head of Service (Adults' Services) (AD) (In respect of Item 5),
Collaboration Improvement Officer (EW) (In respect of Item 4),
Business Planning and Programme Manager (GM) (In respect of the additional item),
Scrutiny Manager (BS),
Scrutiny Officer (GWR),
Committee Officer (MEH).
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors Jeffrey M.Evans, Carwyn Jones, Nicola Roberts.
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Kenneth P. Hughes – Portfolio Holder (Housing & Social Services);
Chief Executive.

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

Mr. Andrew Jones – Director of Public Health;
Ms. Clare Jones – Assistant Director Primary Care and Community Services;
Ms. Cilla Robinson – Associate Chief of Staff : Children and Young People Clinical Programme Board;
Ms. Sarah Andrews – Senior Public Health Practitioner, Public Health Wales
Ms. Sonia Thompson – Locality Manager Gwynedd & Anglesey, Welsh Ambulance Trust.

1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Richard O. Jones declared an interest that he is employed by the Welsh Ambulance Service.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 May, 2013 were confirmed.

3 BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD

Presentations were received by representatives from the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board on the following matters :-

- General update on their modernisation/transformation agenda, including the current review of Acute Services in North Wales;
- Public Health – Health Protection Issues;
- Locality update which included reference to falls prevention, dementia, Môn Enhanced Care Service, smoking cessation and delayed transfers of care.
- Statement on Hospital Acquired infection, relating to current C.Difficile outbreak and establishment of external review.

The Director of Community reported that collaboration working is taking place with the Health Board and the Council with the need collaborate further across North Wales. She referred to the locality programme which is an integral part of how the Council provides services.

She further encouraged Members of the Committee, in the forthcoming period, to understand the complexities of service provision within adult social care given its stated priorities and resource implications. As Officers she assured the Members that the Committee will receive detailed information so as to understand the complexities of the service. She stated that the authority is at present working jointly with the Health Board to see how joint governance can be achieved to improve services to the people of Anglesey; it was anticipated that a report will be submitted to the Council thereafter in the Autumn.

Members welcomed the presentation by the Health Board and Officers of the Council and stated that collaborative working was essential to guarantee the best service for the people of Anglesey.

RESOLVED to accept the report.

4 SECTION 33 AGREEMENT FOR THE SPECIALIST CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Submitted a joint report by the Isle of Anglesey County Council and the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board in relation to the above.

The Head of Service (Children's Services) and Mrs. Cilla Robinson reported that it is proposed to integrate the collection of health and social care services, which are currently co-located, into one integrated service – Specialist Children's Service (SCS). The SCS will employ health and social care professionals under one organisational structure, with a Service Manager running and managing the service and will have an integrated strategy, set of policies, procedures, budgets and a joined-up approach to staff management and training. The service will provide service users with a single access point into the service.

It was noted that the SCS is a formal partnership between Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and the Isle of Anglesey County Council. Under the provisions made under Section 33 of the NHS (2006) Wales Act, the Health Board will delegate related health care functions to the Council, and the Council will be the Lead Provider for the service. Each partner will contribute to administration costs, office costs and to the cost of the Service Manager role; they will continue to have accountability for the management of their own financial resources.

The Officers highlighted that the Specialist Children's Service will adopt a three-tiered strategic approach to service planning and delivery. The three-tiered strategic approach was included within the report.

The Head of Service (Children's Services) stated that the legality of the proposed integrated service – Section 33 Agreement has been dealt with by the Legal Section of the County Council and with the Health Board Solicitors. The report will be forwarded to the next meeting of the Executive for consideration and the recommendation of this Committee will be incorporated into the report.

RESOVLED to accept the report.

ACTION : That the Head of Service (Children's Services) shall report to the Executive that the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee supports the single integrated Specialist Children's Service in principle.

5 ADULTS SAFEGUARDING - TOWARDS A NORTH WALES STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Submitted – a report by the Head of Service (Adults' Services) in relation to the above.

The Head of Service (Adults' Services) reported that the Council's improvement journey for safeguarding adults has been completed over the past year and substantial progress has been made on an operational and strategic level. In proceeding to establish a North West Wales

Safeguarding Board (February 2013), the following matters/principles were confirmed as fundamental to the new safeguarding framework :-

- Replacing the Adult Safeguarding Forum with a Board with greater focus on leadership;
- Being in a better position to discuss strategic safeguarding outcomes with partners;
- Securing adequate resources for an effective Adults Safeguarding Board and improving outcomes;
- Attempting to develop a model for the Board that can be developed into a regional model over the forthcoming period;
- Discovering partners' commonalities, challenging boundaries and assumptions;
- Developing operational and strategic links with the safeguarding children frameworks;
- Securing a clear and strong direction.

This developmental journey had been a catalyst to influence the regional arrangements and 4 options had been explored over the past 4 months. A 2 tier North Wales Adult Safeguarding Board as detailed in the report as the favoured option by all partners.

RESOLVED to accept the report.

ACTION : That the Head of Service (Adults' Services) shall report to the Executive that the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee recommends the following :-

- **note developments and progress hitherto in the area of safeguarding adults in North Wales;**
- **approve the Anglesey and Gwynedd strategic direction for safeguarding adults as a catalyst for influencing the development of the regional framework;**
- **confirm the principle that the safeguarding frameworks for adults and children need to be addressed on an equal footing and not to differentiate between them in terms of their status or importance;**
- **approve revising the current North Wales arrangements and supporting the preferred option – a 2 tier North Wales Adult Safeguarding Board.**

6 NOMINATION OF MEMBER TO THE CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL

Submitted – a report by the Scrutiny Officer in respect of a nomination of a Member of this Committee to sit on the Corporate Parenting Panel from May 2013 – May 2014.

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Dylan Rees as a Member to sit on the Corporate Parenting Panel from May 2013 – May 2014.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Noted – that the next meeting of this Committee is to be held on Thursday, 25 July, 2013 at 2.00 p.m.

ADDITIONAL ITEM

Nomination of Members on the Programme Boards

The Business Planning and Programme Manager requested nominations for 2 of the Programme Boards.

RESOLVED to nominate the following Members on 2 Programme Boards :-

Island of Enterprise Board - Councillors Derlwyn R. Hughes and Carwyn Jones
Service Excellence Board - Councillor Alun W. Mummery

The meeting concluded at 3.00 pm

COUNCILLOR DERLWYN R. HUGHES
CHAIR