

**Coventry City Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee held at 10.00 am on**  
**Wednesday, 12 October 2016**

Present:

Members: Councillor R Lancaster (Chair)  
(Deputy Chair)  
Councillor N Akhtar  
Councillor D Gannon  
Councillor J McNicholas  
Councillor M Mutton  
Councillor R Singh

Co-Opted Members:

Other Members: Councillors

Employees (by Directorate):

S Bennett, Resources Directorate  
V Castree, Resources Directorate  
J Moore, People Directorate

Apologies: Councillor J Blundell

## **Public Business**

### **25. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest declared.

### **26. Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September, 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 September, 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record subject to the inclusion of the following additional Recommendation to Minute 23 relating to "Business Rates Reform and Consultation":-

- (3) That the City Council should participate in any pilot scheme for Business Rates in the West Midlands

### **27. Reshaping Drug and Alcohol Services in Coventry**

The Committee considered a Briefing Note of the Director of Public Health which indicated that the City Council is responsible for commissioning drug and alcohol recovery services for adults and young people, which forms part of a wider programme of activity to reduce drug and alcohol related harm. The current

contract for adult drug and alcohol recovery services is due to end in November 2017. This provides an opportunity to review and reshape the services to ensure that they are fit for the future.

Coventry City Council has developed a potential future treatment model for November 2017 onwards, based on the needs of the Coventry population, evidence of what works and findings from engagement and consultation undertaken to date with service users, wider stakeholders and the general public.

The Briefing Note informed the Committee of the findings from work undertaken to date and sought comments and suggestions from the Committee for future drug and alcohol treatment services in Coventry.

The future drug and alcohol service model for Coventry is a key component of Coventry's Health and Wellbeing Strategy and links to all three of the Priorities:-

- Reducing health and wellbeing inequalities (the health and wellbeing gap) with a specific focus on building young people resilience and good economic growth for the City
- Improving the health and wellbeing of individuals with multiple complex needs
- Developing an integrated health and care system that provides the right help and support to enable people to live their lives well.

The Briefing Note outlined the following three recommendations in relation to future commissioning:-

- To commission an Adult Drug and Alcohol Service that is recovery led; incorporating both prevention and treatment within a wider recovery system
- To commission a family support along with service user advocacy within the wider recovery system
- To commission young people's substance misuse services as an integrated offer with wider young people's early intervention services linked to the wider drug and alcohol recovery system

An appendix to the report provided a visual image of the proposed drug and alcohol recovery model/system and an outline of proposed system objectives and priority groups.

The Committee questioned the officer on aspects of the Briefing Note, including:-

- How proactive the service is in reaching out to groups and communities
- Needle recovery schemes and work undertaken by West Midlands Police in this regard
- Residential rehabilitation and success rates of this compared to community rehabilitation
- The impact that Licensing Policies can have on communities and work undertaken by Trading Standards regarding illegal sales and practices

- Partnership working

The Committee noted that the new contract will be an outcomes based contract, with targets to achieve, that will be evaluated against other Local Authorities and reviewed every quarter.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee:-**

- (1) Note the proposed future treatment model and supporting documentation**
- (2) Endorse the proposed approach to drug and alcohol treatment in Coventry**
- (3) Request that officers seek an update from West Midlands Police on the work being done to address drug use in the City**
- (4) Request that officers write to the Government on behalf of the Committee asking that the promotion of public health be included as one of the Licensing Objectives**
- (5) Request that a report summarising services up to 2017 be submitted to a future meeting to enable the Committee to monitor the impact of the new services.**

**28. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (2016) and Joint Health and Well Being Strategy (2016-2019)**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Public Health, which is also to be considered by Cabinet at their meeting on 1 November, 2016, which indicated that the Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility to produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for the local authority area. The JSNA looks at current and future health and care needs of the local population to inform and guide the planning and commissioning of health, wellbeing and social care services within a local authority area. The key messages from the JSNA were summarised in the report and the full document was appended.

Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board is also responsible for producing a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWBS), which provides Coventry with a picture of what the Health and Wellbeing Board will deliver over the next three years and how partners will work together to achieve this. The Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board's vision for Coventry is that local people live happier, healthier and longer lives and have improved health and wellbeing during their lives. The three priorities agreed by the Board to help deliver this vision are:-

- Working together as a Marmot City to reduce health and wellbeing inequalities
- Improving the health and wellbeing of individuals with multiple complex needs

- Developing an integrated health and care system that provides the right help and support to enable people to live their lives well.

The Committee questioned the officer on aspects of the report including:-

- Statistical data including population facts and figures, and how that data is updated regularly and used by the Council and NHS (for example when targeting and commissioning services)
- The impact that Coventry being a Marmot City has had on health and health provision
- Transformation funding (prevention v acute)
- Partnership working including sharing information across organisations
- Vaccination programmes
- The mental health transition between children's and adult services
- GP services provision in the City
- HIV and TB infection rates in the City

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee:-**

- (1) Endorses the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (2016) and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2016-2019)
- (2) Recommends to Cabinet:-
  - (a) That when money becomes available across the Health and Social Care System, it should be invested in prevention services
  - (b) That an approach to mental health transition between children's and adult services be included in the Strategy
  - (c) That the section in the Strategy on skills and education should be expanded to include adult education
- (3) Requests that information on pneumonia vaccinations, including promotion and take-ups figures, be circulated to members of the Committee

**29. Outstanding Issues**

The Committee received and noted a report of the Executive Director of Resources which outlined the approach to be taken on progress, outcomes and responses to recommendations and substantial actions made by the Committee.

**30. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2016/2017**

The Committee noted their Work Programme for the current municipal year.

31. **Any Other Items of Public Business**

There were no other items of public business.

(Meeting closed at Time Not Specified)