

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Cabinet Member for Adult Services held at 10.00 am on
Monday, 17 October 2016

Present:

Members: Councillor F Abbott (Chair)
 Councillor D Skinner (Shadow Cabinet Member)

Employees (by Directorate):

M Holden, People Directorate
M McGinty, People Directorate
M Rose, Resources Directorate

Public Business

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests.

2. Adult Social Care Annual Report 2015/16 (Local Account)

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Executive Director for People which sought approval of the Adult Social Care Annual Report 2015/16 (Local Account). The report described the performance of Adult Social Care and the progress made against the priorities for the year and specifically considered the impact of the Care Act 2014 on operational activities to support service users and carers. The report had been considered at the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5) on 5th October, 2016 (their minute 26/16 refers).

Although there was not a statutory requirement to produce an annual report, it was considered good practice as it provided an opportunity to be open and transparent about the successes and challenges facing Adult Social Care. It also showed what was being done to improve outcomes for those that come into contact with Adult Social Care. The production of an annual report was part of the Local Government Associations (LGA) approach to Sector Led Improvement, launched in 2011. This approach was launched following the removal of national targets and assessments for Adult Social Care.

The production of the 2015/16 report was based on feedback and information that was gathered over the year from a range of sources including Healthwatch Coventry, Partnership Boards, providers and people that had been in contact with Adult Social Care. Additionally the feedback on readability and content from previous years had been noted and as a result the 2015/16 Annual Report was once again shorter than in previous years.

The Cabinet Member and Shadow Cabinet Member questioned officers on aspects of the report including:

- Clarification of interpretation of the data
- More people in need of care

- Assessment of carers
- Housing with Care
- Working with Health Partners
- Budget challenges and reduction in funding and publicity
- Enabling people to be independent for as long as possible
- Charities and community groups
- Carers Strategy
- Format of the report
- Consideration at Scrutiny

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member for Adult Services

- 1. Consider comments from the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (SB5)**
- 2. Approve the Adult Social Care Annual Report 2015/16 (Local Account)**
- 3. Request an annual Adult Social Care Report (Local Account) continue to be considered by the Cabinet Member**

3. Outstanding Issues

There were no outstanding issues to report.

4. Any Other Items of Public Business

There were no other items of business.

(Meeting closed at 11.00 am)