

Meeting of the Full Council - 25 May 2017

Report on the Scrutiny Committee meetings on 10 February 2017, 17 March 2017 and 13 April 2017

Chair: Former County Councillor Bill Winlow

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10 February 2017

Supervision and Support to Front-Line Social Workers

A verbal update was presented on the supervision and support to front line social workers. This issue was originally discussed at the Audit and Governance Committee on 30 January. A report was also presented that identified progress made against the internal audit plan which highlighted an issue relating to service delivery. In relation to adult services only limited assurance could be determined and Members raised concerns around the information provided, particularly around case supervision and the lack of responses to the request for sample supervision documentation. Members were informed that the service recognised the issues outlined and the information given in the report had been highlighted to the Corporate Director for Operations and Delivery. It was confirmed that pilot projects were in place to support working practices and processes to address some of the issues highlighted.

Resolved:

The Scrutiny Committee noted the update report, asked that a copy of the minutes be sent to Audit and Governance Committee and it was agreed that the Corporate Director for Operations and Delivery be requested to attend the Scrutiny Committee to provide an update on the issues highlighted in the audit relating to case management in Adult Services.

Ormskirk – A Market Town Strategy

County Councillor Nikki Hennessy and officers from West Lancashire Borough Council presented a report on the market town strategy for Ormskirk. The report had been produced by the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee of West Lancashire Borough Council in November 2016.

Resolved:

The Scrutiny Committee fed back its comments and supported the recommendations contained within the report

Core Systems of the Council

The Committee received a presentation on Core Systems. It was acknowledged that these Systems were an integral part of LCC's function which not only supported the way services carried out their day to day business, but also provided an opportunity to carry out tasks more efficiently and effectively and engage with customers and clients in a different way.

Resolved:

The Scrutiny Committee noted the report and requested an update report on electronic hospital discharge issues for its March meeting.

LCC Savings Programme

A copy of the LCC Savings Programme presentation, which was given to the Budget Scrutiny Working Group when it met on 12 January, was provided for the Scrutiny Committee.

Resolved:

The Scrutiny Committee noted and commented on the report and requested an update report on the delays with museums, and, Public Health re-commissioning.

17 March 2017**Skills Development within LCC – Apprenticeships, Graduates and Trainees**

The Committee received a report on the new National Apprenticeship Levy which would be introduced by the Government on 1 April 2017 and the implications for this within Lancashire County Council.

The report also highlighted the work being undertaken by the Skills Learning and Development Service in respect of 'Trailblazer' involvement, Graduates and Professional Trainees within the authority and the work to embed skills, learning and development into our services.

Resolved:

The Scrutiny Committee noted the report.

Disposal of Former Libraries at Fulwood and Barrowford – request to Call-in the decision.

On 9 March 2017, the Deputy Leader of the County Council approved two reports on the disposal of former libraries at Fulwood and Barrowford. Following requests from five County Councillors in accordance with the 'Call In' procedures, the Chair had agreed to deal with the 'Call In' request as an item of Urgent Business at this meeting.

Resolved:

That the Deputy Leader's decision on 9 March 2017 in relation to the disposal of former libraries at Fulwood and Barrowford should not be called in.

13 April 2017

Floods Risk Management Works Programme in Lancashire

A report was presented on the Flood Risk Management Works Programme in Lancashire. The report updated the Committee on progress with repairs and diagnostics for longer term repairs and programmes of works, and informed on how work was progressing to increase the resilience of communities and improve communications.

Resolved:

The Committee noted the report

Public Health Savings Update

A report was presented informing the Committee that as part of the savings within the Public Health Service a number of externally procured services had been highlighted as areas where savings could be made. The report provided an update on progress toward achieving those savings and set out the steps being taken to deliver the savings which were yet to be delivered.

Resolved:

The Committee noted the report and asked that an update report come to the Scrutiny Committee later in the year.