

Meeting of the Full Council – 18 December 2014

Report on the Health Scrutiny Committee meetings on 7 October and 25 November 2014

Chair: County Councillor Steven Holgate

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7 October 2014

Public Health actions to address the impacts of economic downturn

As part of the ongoing scrutiny of the 'Living Well' element of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy, the Committee was provided with a report which presented an overview of the actions being taken to address the impact of the economic downturn on the health and wellbeing on the population of Lancashire.

Report of the Health Scrutiny Committee Steering Group

On 15 August the Steering Group had met with officers from North West Ambulance Service to discuss their 5 year plan and Lancashire Care Foundation Trust who provided an update on inpatient facilities. A summary of the meeting was at Appendix A to the report presented.

Work Plan 2014/15

The Committee received a draft work plan for both the Health Scrutiny Committee and its Steering Group, including current Task Group reviews.

It was reported that a work planning workshop would be arranged in March 2015 at which the Committee could consider and agree topics for the 2015/16 programme of work.

25 November 2014

Healthy Environments

As part of the ongoing scrutiny of the 'Living Well' element of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy, the Committee was provided with a report which presented an overview of the opportunities to influence the development of healthy environments as a way of improving the health of the local population.

The Committee agreed that the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee write to the Chairs of Planning Committees and Directors of Planning to make them aware of the concerns identified by members, and that a copy of the minutes of the meeting be provided as a summary of the discussion.

Adult Social Care Complaints and Representations Annual Report 2013-2014

The report explained that the production of the Annual Complaints and Customer Feedback Report was a longstanding statutory requirement. It contained statistical information, analysis and learning for the organisation in relation to adult social care complaints, comments and compliments received from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.

It was agreed that:

- i. the Adult Social Care Complaints and Customer Feedback Annual Report 2013/14 be received and the associated learning from customer feedback for the past year be acknowledged; and
- ii. it be agreed that the Adult Social Care Complaints and Customer Feedback Annual Report for 2013/14 can be shared as a public document.

Report of the Disabled Facilities Grants Task Group

The report of the Task Group was presented by the Chair who emphasised the need to maximise opportunities to take advantage of funding streams coming forward which would lead to more Disabled facilities Grants going to more people. He commended the recommendations of the Task Group to the Committee and recommended that they be taken forward in time for the new financial year.

It was agreed that,

- i. The recommendations of the Task Group be supported; and
- ii. The Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services be asked to provide an interim response within two months and a full and final response within six months.

Report of the Health Scrutiny Committee Steering Group

On 5 September the Steering Group met with officers from NHS England, Lancashire Area Team. A summary of the meeting was presented at Appendix A.

On 26 September the Steering Group met with officers from the Care Quality Commission. A summary of the meeting was presented at Appendix B.

On 17 October the Steering Group met with officers from Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Trust and Fylde & Wyre Clinical Commissioning Group. A summary of the meeting was presented at Appendix C.