
OVERVIEW OF HEALTH AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1. Since the last meeting of the Council, the following are the main areas of work the Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee has undertaken.

Work Programme 2017/18

2. We have given consideration to the Work Programme for this Committee for the Municipal Year 2017/18 and possible review topics. The work programme is a rolling work programme and items can be added as necessary.

Healthy New Towns

3. Scrutiny received a joint presentation from the Director of Public Health and the Director of Commissioning, Darlington and Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) on Healthy New Towns (HNT).
4. The Presentation outlined that Darlington was one of ten Healthy New Town sites across England announced in March 2016 and was part of the new ways of working as part of the Five Year Forward View. The ambition was to develop new and creative approaches that offered the potential to make a substantial contribution to closing the gaps in health, care and finances and to drive collaboration between local authorities, planners, developers and the NHS.
5. Scrutiny noted NHS England's Core Objectives for HNTs and the key messages it was promoting, including, the need to prevent long-term conditions and keep people independent, linking environment to health, healthier people ensuring healthier NHS and wider economy, planning and housing being a significant component of a 'whole systems' approach to improving health and tackling chronic long term conditions, NHS improving health and care infrastructure by working better with developers and NHS strategy becoming more focussed on population commissioning, prevention and integration.
6. Darlington's initial focus is the regeneration and development opportunities in the Eastern Growth Zone of Darlington which was chosen due to its extreme health inequalities and the impact on the people within that community.
7. Work stream priorities are regeneration and housing, retrofitting the built environment and influencing future development across Darlington through the Local Plan 2017 to 2036.

8. Scrutiny noted that there had been a lot of community involvement around the Red Hall Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy and Groundwork Trust had developed a community project. Consultation with residents had brought a sense of empowerment with varied community activities being undertaken for all ages.
9. In relation to residents' health Members were advised of extended teams offering more straightforward access to a wider range of health and care closer to patients' homes centred around GP Practices and community care hubs.
10. Population health profiling for virtual hubs around GP practices was underway with hubs being created to accommodate 30 to 50k population; estate, staffing and contracting implications were being investigated; and community services re-procurement for a more integrated model was underway.
11. The ambition was also to provide better co-ordination, signposting and self-care support, extended access through one central hub and increased uptake of patient on-line and e-consultation.
12. We welcomed digital enablement which aimed to manage demand, delay the need for more formalised care, release efficiencies and empower and educate patients.
13. NHS England expected outcomes were to ensure the concept of HNTs worked, provide case studies of good examples, look at the wider determinants of health and can the model be replicated elsewhere.

Voluntary Sector Funding

14. At an earlier meeting I advised that following Scrutiny's concerns on the current position regarding the deployment of the Medium Term Financial Plan Future Funds for the Voluntary Sector, Scrutiny had agreed to re-establish the Voluntary Sector Funding Review Group (previously Strategic Grants Review Group) and report back to Members.
15. A meeting of the Review Group was held and Members were assured that work was ongoing to ensure that funding of £72k would be utilised to provide support to the Third Sector.
16. The amount of £72k was made up from £20k by Darlington Borough Council which was match funded by NHS Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and a further funding contribution of £32k was made by the County Durham Community Foundation.
17. Five bids were received resulting in three successful awards, leaving the amount of £28k unallocated which has now been amalgamated into the Voluntary Sector Development Fund.
18. The Voluntary Sector Development Fund of £100,000k was split into two separate funds – one for Transformation and Efficiency Work within the Voluntary and Community Sector and one focusing on developing new initiatives to support

vulnerable young children.

19. Two awards were made from the Transformation and Efficiency Fund leaving a balance of £42,179 which has been added to the £28k underspend to provide a sum of £70k for allocation to future Voluntary and Community Sector Development Activity.
20. Inclusion North are hosting three workshops for the Voluntary and Community Sectors which will conclude the first week in May after which a report will be submitted to Scrutiny for its consideration.

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