

Housing and Neighbourhoods Committee

Minutes

Thursday, 17 October 2019 at 18:30

PRESENT:

Councillor Grant (in the chair); Councillors Candon, Flaxman-Taylor, D Hammond, Martin, Smith-Clare, Talbot, Wainwright & Williamson.

Councillor Wells attended as a substitute for Councillor Cameron.

Mr N Shaw (Strategic Director), Mrs N Turner (Director of Housing), Mrs J Beck (Head of Property & Asset Management), Ms Holly Notcutt (Community Development Manager) Mrs Ria Frosdick (Executive Services Officer).

Ben Hogston (Associate Director of Primary Care Development, Gt Yarmouth & Waveney), Dr Karen Mitchell (GP Partner at ENMP and Clinical Chair of Coastal Health GPPO), Christine Breeze (Integrated Commissioning Manager East), Dr Paul Noakes (GP Partner at Park Surgery) attended for item 7.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cameron and Galer.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest declared at the meeting.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th September 2019 were confirmed.

4 MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman reported that there were no matters arising from the above minutes.

5 FORWARD PLAN

The committee received and considered the Forward Plan.

6 WARD HEALTH DATA REPORT

In addition to the data presented, Councillor Williamson has requested the economic data, to be able to look in detail at specific wards and identify known trends.

RESOLVED:

That the committee noted the report and requested that a presentation with a wider range of economic data be made available for the November meeting.

7 CCG - STRATEGIC TRANSFORMATION PLAN

Members received a presentation from representatives of the Great Yarmouth and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group which provided an update on the Strategic Transformation Plan.

Following the presentation members asked a series of questions and discussed issues relevant to the borough on obesity, GP out of hours services, smoking and life limiting illnesses

Councillor Wainwright would like to suggest that this presentation is made to all members in the New Year.

Councillor Talbot requested information on our of hours GP services in Gt Yarmouth.

8 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT PERIOD 6 BUDGET MONITORING

The committee received and considered the 2019/20 HRA and capital budget monitoring position as at the end of period 6 from the HRA Service Manager.

Members noted that the right to buy figures were below the projected figures for 2019/20, this will continue to be monitored.

RESOLVED:

That the committee considered the 2019/20 Housing Revenue and Capital Budget monitoring report for period 6.

9 NEIGHBOURHOODS THAT WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee received and considered the report from the Strategic Director and Community Development Manager. When discussing the report members raised a number of issues:-

- The need to capture qualitative impact, as the soft outcomes of the NTW team are immense.
- The holistic approach provided by the Neighbourhoods Team and its impact.
- Losing funding for the Community Connectors would have an impact, these relationships need to remain in place.
- The funding ends in exactly one year and the need for clear options to continue some of the work undertaken by the programme.

Councillor Williamson proposed an addition to the recommendations as follows:-

That a cross party member working group be established to discuss the future of the work in the three neighbourhood areas.

Following a vote this proposed addition was lost.

RESOLVED:

1. That following receipt of the evaluation report, a meeting be arranged by the Strategic Director with the Big Lottery to assess the potential for future external funding streams.
2. To work with Norfolk County Council's newly appointed VCSE Manager over the next 6 months to ascertain the value of community and voluntary sector work in the borough.
3. To bring a further report outlining current provision; identifying and gaps or duplication; with a view to informing the future priorities of the Neighbourhoods & Communities Team from October 2020 onwards.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ii. The Strategic Director advised that Holmes builders have been on the Claydon Pavilion site recently to make it safe. This is being pursued as quickly as possible via the insurance company. A meeting has been scheduled for the 18th November with Shrublands Football Club and Claydon Community Association to look at options and gain input going forward.

The Housing Director advised that the tenants survey is due to go out next week. The survey provider will attend the meeting on the 23rd January 2020 with feedback.

iii. The Norfolk Community Directory (link below) was recently discussed at the Yarmouth Area Committee and information on the Directory will be provided to the Yarmouth Area Committee.

<https://www.great-yarmouth.gov.uk/norfolk-community-directory>

RESOLVED:

The Chairman suggested that Councillor Martin contacts the editor of the Norfolk Community Directory to request that details of additional local groups and projects are added if necessary.

11 (i) Period Poverty Quarterly report.

The committee received and considered the Tricky Period Project update report from the Neighbourhoods That Work Co-ordinator.

It was noted that demand had been higher than anticipated but it was suggested that better quality, unscented products should be used going forward. Also, a need for further products was identified such as incontinence pads and possibly nipple cream/shields due to the loss of the local breastfeeding support team. The Community Development Manager advised that DIAL are submitting a bid for Tampon Tax funding and if successful more options could be explored.

RESOLVED:

To transfer the remainder of the project budget to DIAL and for DIAL to take over the lead partner role enabling the project to develop and attract additional external funding.

12 GYN BOARD MINUTES

It was reported that these would be brought to the next meeting.

The meeting ended at: 21:02