

MINUTES of the meeting of the **WELLBEING AND HEALTH SCRUTINY BOARD** held at 10.30 am on 16 March 2016 at Ashcombe Suite, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 2DN.

These minutes are subject to confirmation by the Board at its meeting on Tuesday, 3 May 2016.

Elected Members:

- * Mr W D Barker OBE
- * Mr Ben Carasco (Vice-Chairman)
- * Mr Bill Chapman (Chairman)
- A Mr Graham Ellwood
- A Mr Bob Gardner
- * Mr Tim Hall
- * Mr Peter Hickman
- * Rachael I. Lake
- * Mrs Tina Mountain
- * Mr Chris Pitt
- * Mrs Pauline Searle
- * Mrs Helena Windsor

Ex officio Members:

Mrs Sally Ann B Marks, Chairman of the County Council
Mr Nick Skellett CBE, Vice-Chairman of the County Council

Co-opted Members:

- A District Councillor Lucy Botting
- * Borough Councillor Karen Randolph
- * Borough Councillor Mrs Rachel Turner

41/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Bob Gardner, Graham Ellwood and Lucy Botting.

42/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: [Item 2]

To agree the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

An amendment is to be made to item 6, page 7, paragraph 6 to read:

'Member's questioned the reasoning behind the whistle blowing incident which was said to be a result of culture, poor communication and negative attitudes'.

43/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

None received

44/16 QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS [Item 4]

None received

45/16 CHAIRMAN'S ORAL REPORT [Item 5]

There was no oral report at this meeting.

46/16 RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER AND FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME [Item 6]

The Board was asked to monitor progress on the implementation of recommendations from previous meetings, and to review its Forward Work Programme.

The Chairman suggested the following possible items for the May meeting:

- Merger of Royal Surrey in Guildford and Ashford and St Peter's.
- Children's Safeguarding in the NHS
- North West Surrey CCG Adult Community Services Procurement
- SECAMB

47/16 PUBLIC HEALTH BUDGET AND SAVINGS PLAN REPORT [Item 7]

Declarations of interest:

None

Witnesses:

Ruth Hutchinson, Deputy Director of Public Health

Andrew Healey, Principal Accountant

Catherine Croucher, Public Health Consultant

Key points raised during the discussion:

1. The Deputy Director introduced the report. The Board asked a number of questions which were responded to by the officers present before moving to recommendations.

Recommendations (Public):

It was agreed that:

- Public Health to communicate the outcome of the provider negotiations regarding final budget figures.
- The Board recognised the efforts made by Public Health to improve realistic efficiencies across Surrey by working together.
- That Public Health returned to the Board to review the performance and progress against saving plans.
- Plans for re-procurement of major services were also agreed by the Board to be discussed at a later date.

48/16 PUBLICITY FOR PART 2 ITEMS [Item 8]

The Board agreed that information given under the Part 2 item would not be made available to the public.

49/16 HEALTH INEQUALITIES IN SURREY WORKSHOP [Item 9]

The Board took part in a workshop implemented by Public Health England to assist the Board members understanding of the nature and causes of health inequalities in Surrey.

Key points raised during the discussion:

1. Mental Health and life expectancy were considered important areas for scrutiny. Due to the rise of mental health issues in Surrey, the Board looked at the impacts different illnesses. It was suggested that the correlation between mental health illness, exclusion from society, anti-social behaviour and life expectancy reduction made it an area the Board should investigate further.
2. The Board discussed Surrey's more deprived areas and suggested they were impacted by numerous health inequalities. There was a discussion around areas of high deprivation in Surrey. Deprivation was said to lead to a higher risk of illness, poor diet and wellbeing issues.
3. Members agreed that roads were a key area when looking at health inequalities within Surrey. This was said to be caused by road accidents and fatalities on Surrey roads. It was stated that there is a joint task group with Surrey County Council and Surrey Police organised to look further into the issue.

Recommendations:

1. That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman met with the Public Health Consultant to further develop the Board's scrutiny of the three areas identified by Members: mental health, deprivation, road safety.

50/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [Item 10]

The Board noted its next meeting will be held at 10.30 am on Tuesday 3 May 2016 in the Ashcombe Suite.

Meeting ended at: 13.05 pm.

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Chairman