

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY PANEL

THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 10.00AM

PRESENT: Councillors Bomford, Carrigan (Until 12:22pm), Finlayson, Harid, J Mallinson, McKerrell (as substitute for Councillor Layden).

ALSO

PRESENT: Mr Rice, Partnership Manager, GLL
Ms Almond, Cumbria Health Lead, GLL
Mr Holland, Head of Service, GLL
Mr Cox, Director of Public Health, Cumbria County Council
Ms Edbury, Director, Carlisle Cultural Consortium

OFFICERS: Deputy Chief Executive
Carlisle Partnership Manager
Policy and Communications Manager
Policy and Performance Officer

HWSP.13/19 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman it was moved and seconded that Councillor J Mallinson be appointed Chairman of the meeting.

RESOLVED – That Councillor J Mallinson be appointed Chairman of the meeting.

Councillor J Mallinson thereupon took the Chair.

HWSP.14/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Crawford, Layden, Paton and, S Sidgwick.

HWSP.15/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted.

HWSP.16/19 PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was agreed that the items of business in Part A be dealt with in public and Part B be dealt with in private.

HWSP.17/19 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2019, be approved.

HWSP.18/19 CALL IN OF DECISIONS

There were no items which had been the subject of call-in.

HWSP.19/19 GREENWICH LEISURE LTD UPDATE

The Policy and Performance Officer submitted Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) annual performance and operations update on the Carlisle City Council Leisure Contract. The report

attached at appendix 1 covered the first eleven months of the new leisure contract with GLL. The Panel welcomed Mr Rice, Mr Holland and Ms Almond to the meeting.

Mr Rice and Ms Almond gave a presentation covering: an overview of the contract; key headlines; the four pillars of the business; membership and events programme; outreach programme activities, and usage statistics by category.

Mr Rice highlighted that there had been an increase in events usage at The Sands Centre in the preceding year but also a decrease in membership which he attributed to customers' lack of certainty regarding the provision of facilities in light of the proposed redevelopment of the site. He further noted that in terms of gym facilities that there were more providers in the city, therefore customers were able to choose other sites. A new gym had been installed at The Sheepmount following its re-opening after the 2015 flood, and new gym equipment had also been provided at The Sands Centre.

With reference to the financial performance of the contract, Mr Rice advised that further to the report which indicated a loss making position of £104,000, the receipt of flood insurance payments and events payments meant that the overall financial position was not a deficit. Additionally, staff resources had been reduced, without impacting services delivery, so as to reduce costs.

Ms Almond noted that there was currently an NHS multi-service kiosk in The Sands Centre, and that there would be a dedicated area in the redeveloped facility. A pathway to a co-location agreement with the local NHS Partnership Trust was being developed with a view to increasing healthcare activity at The Sands Centre with consideration being given to the use of a digital platform to support and monitor the work.

In considering the update Members raised the following comments and questions:

The Chairman thanked Mr Rice and Ms Almond for their presentation. He appreciated that the financial data in the report covered an 11 month period, rather than a full year. Did GLL consider that there was any aspect of the financial or membership data that would necessitate any amendment to the proposed redevelopment of The Sands Centre?

Mr Rice indicated that the principal area of concern was the downturn in membership: the rise of competition through the increase of other gyms in the city meant that customers had a choice of provider. The Sands Centre had been built more than 30 years ago and was in need of redevelopment to enable it to meet the needs of current users who expected all facilities such as gym and pool to be located on one site. Therefore, the proposals to expand the facilities were needed to prevent a continued downturn in membership levels.

- A Member expressed concern at the details of the financial performance contained in the report, he asked whether the losses were across the business or were as a result of declining membership?

Mr Rice advised that the only area of the business operating at a loss was the membership at The Sands Centre, and reiterated the factors that he considered had led to the downturn. He felt that following the redevelopment of the site, The Sands Centre would be the premier gym facility of choice within the city and membership would rise accordingly.

In terms of the financial performance, Mr Rice reminded the Panel that the data included in the report related to an 11 month period, and that in the 12th month of the first year of the contract flood insurance payments and events income had been received which had meant that overall, there was not a financial loss.

The Chairman asked whether it would be beneficial for the annual update report to be submitted a cycle later in the Panel's Work Programme for the new civic year in order to facilitate the reporting of a full financial year's performance.

Mr Rice endorsed the suggestion and indicated he was happy to delay the submission of the next annual report by a cycle in order to facilitate fuller financial reporting.

The Panel agreed the proposal.

- Was there a pathway to a permanent job for those who took part in the GLL apprentice programme?

Mr Rice explained that once an apprentice had completed the programme they were able to remain with GLL until an appropriate position became vacant. A vacancy may not be immediately available and it was a decision for the apprentice whether they remained with GLL.

Ms Almond added that in addition to the apprentice programme, GLL were working with Cumbria County Council to provide training opportunities to looked after children and children in care. In particular participants were able to take part in a 12 week programme with an opportunity for employment upon completion.

The Chairman thanked Mr Rice, Ms Almond, and Mr Holland for their report and presentation, he praised community integration and engagement as detailed therein which he felt was useful in the context of decision making in respect of the proposed new development of The Sands Centre. He felt that the declining membership was a risk to the sustainability of the facility.

RESOLVED – 1) That the Greenwich Leisure Ltd Update (CS.07/19) be received.

2) That the next annual update be submitted to the Panel at such time as a full year's financial performance was able to be reported.

HWSP.20/19 DRAFT JOINT CUMBRIA PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGY

The Carlisle Partnership Manager presented the Draft Joint Cumbria Public Health Strategy which described wide ranging aims to tackle the wider determinates of health and wellbeing, in line with the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-29 (CS.08/19). She noted it was the first time that the Strategy had been developed using a multi-disciplinary partnership approach where several organisations and District Council Officers had contributed to the Strategy. Furthermore, the method employed in generating the Strategy built on the work facilitated to date via Carlisle City Council's participation in the Healthy Cities programme, building on work addressing the wider determinants of health across the organisation and with partners.

The Panel welcomed Mr Cox, Director of Public Health (Cumbria County Council) to the meeting.

Mr Cox introduced himself to the Panel and gave a brief overview of his role, he thanked the Partnership Manager and the Council L for their contributions in the development of the Strategy to date. He delivered a presentation which covered: the five key themes of the strategy – Planet, People, Participation, Place, and Prosperity and the key aims aligned with each; the wider determinants of health; the process for approving the strategy and, governance arrangements.

Mr Cox emphasised the importance of a multi-disciplinary approach in the effective implementation of the Strategy, which comprised health organisations and democratic bodies

such as District Councils. The Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Board was responsible for setting the overall Strategy across the county and formally recommending it to partner organisations. The overall purpose of the Strategy was to improve the health of people across the county.

The Partnership Manager noted the strong thematic links between the draft Strategy and the Carlisle Plan and the Healthy Cities programme which the Council participated in. Were the Council to approve the Strategy, Officers would work with partner organisations to develop an approach for implementation, that aligned with the Council's existing health work.

The Panel were asked to consider the draft Strategy and provide any comments to the Executive prior to its recommendation for adoption.

In considering the draft Strategy Members raised the following comments and questions:

- Were existing wildlife trusts in the county involved in the Strategy?

Mr Cox responded that wildlife trusts had participated in the development of the Strategy and it was hoped that their engagement would continue in the future.

Responding to a further question from a Member on the use of eco-friendly vans by parcel delivery companies, Mr Cox stated that the relevant companies would do well to consider the issue.

The Partnership Manager added that the adoption of the draft Strategy be a number of public sector bodies added voice to its message.

- What action could be taken locally to reduce carbon emissions?

Mr Cox stated that the purpose of the draft Strategy was to co-ordinate actions to improve health across the county, it was a high-level strategic document which set out overarching aims, it did not prescribe specific actions for individuals. A county-wide carbon audit would enable an effective assessment of areas where measures were able to be taken to address carbon emissions, Mr Cox cautioned that such an exercise would be a complex undertaking and outlined of examples of activity across the county and emphasised a range of solutions would be needed to address the issue.

- A Member commented that the provision of public transport was important, especially in rural communities where access to vehicles was lower. He further noted that the city of London was to apply a heavier congestion charge to diesel fuelled vehicles, he asked how a reduction in air pollution was to be achieved in Cumbria?

Mr Cox considered that the most likely way to improve air quality across the county was to encourage and increase the use of electric vehicles, and increasing the network of charging points be increased as a means to facilitate uptake. Electric vehicles were an emerging technology whose development needed support.

The Partnership Manager noted that some public sector partners, for example, the University of Cumbria who had begun to provide electric charging points at its sites.

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder added that car manufacturers needed to do more work to improve vehicle emissions.

In response to a question from a Member regarding the Council's promotion of electric vehicles, the Deputy Chief Executive stated that the Council had applied for government funding to

provide charging points for electric vehicles. He added that the use of electric cycles was another effective way of reducing car use.

In terms of a congestion charge, Mr Cox was of the view that such a policy was unlikely to be welcomed in Cumbria and that it would be more difficult to justify due to lower number of vehicles and the need of residents in rural communities to use their own vehicles.

- Which organisations and bodies would be responsible for the actual implementation of the Strategy?

Mr Cox stated that public health happened at all levels including that of communities, he hoped that all strands of the Strategy would be developed equally and that organised social action would help in that regard.

Responding to a question from a Member about what support was available for children who were long-term absent from education due to ill health, Mr Cox undertook to circulate a written response containing details to the Panel.

- A Member commented that she was pleased to see isolation identified as a health determinant in the draft Strategy.

Mr Cox advised that the issue of loneliness was difficult to resolve with external interventions, different parts of the Strategy overlapped with others so it was likely that an issue may benefit from a number of approaches.

The Panel discussed the issue of adaptations required to properties which enabled residents to continue living in their homes following either a change to their mobility or a stay in hospital.

The Deputy Chief Executive explained that for new properties the National Planning Policy Framework and the Carlisle and District Local Plan 2015 – 30 (Local Plan), requires new dwellings to be “Homes for Life”, which required the properties be constructed to enable adaptations, such as widened staircases, in the future. Residents in older properties were able to apply for funding to have adaptation works carried out, however, that process could be time consuming.

He suggested that were the Panel minded to make a recommendation on the matter that Members consider recommending to the Executive that an examination on the availability of homes be carried out to make them better prepared.

The Chairman commented that, in the context of the St. Cuthbert's Garden Village project, planning policy requirements were very interesting, he felt that the project presented an opportunity to promote health and wellbeing.

The Chairman thanked Mr Cox for his presentation.

RESOLVED – That observations and comments as set out above be referred to the Executive as part of the consideration of the Draft Joint Cumbria Public Health Strategy (CS.08/19).

2) That Mr Cox circulate details of the support provided to children who were not in education due to ill health.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 12:05pm

HWSP.21/19 CARLISLE CULTURAL CONSORTIUM

The Deputy Chief Executive introduced Ms Edbury, Director, Carlisle Cultural Consortium to the Panel. The Deputy Chief Executive and Ms Edbury gave a presentation which introduced Members to the Carlisle Cultural Consortium and covered: the origins and context to the Consortium; the national and sub-regional picture; the four emergent themes in the developing strategy; an overview of up and coming events, and future steps.

The Consortium was made up of 4 partners: the Council, the University of Cumbria, Tullie House Trust, and Prism Arts, and it aimed to develop comprehensive and complimentary plans for culture in the district. The Consortium was a potential vehicle to draw down funding from organisations such as The Arts Council. The submission of applications for funding required a supporting evidence base, it was hoped that the feedback from the four sessions detailed in the presentation would provide a greater understanding of the cultural sector within the district and also be used as the basis for a draft Cultural Strategy.

Four emergent themes had been adopted by the Consortium with an Officer from each partner organisation leading on each. The Deputy Chief Executive was the lead for the Arts and Culture for Health and Wellbeing theme, an event had been held on 19 February which had been oversubscribed that brought together people from a range of sectors to consider the theme.

The cultural sector of the economy was experiencing significant growth, looking to develop the cultural offer available in the district held potential benefits across a number of areas including economy and health. The Deputy Chief Executive felt it was important that the cultural offer provided as a result of the Consortium's work resonated with residents.

In considering the presentation Members raised the following comments and questions:

A number of Members expressed enthusiasm that cultural activities in the city were to be developed.

A Member commented that he would be interested to see the responses of the consultation exercise and a breakdown of potential growth areas.

- Would Community Centres be used as place for outreach work?

The Deputy Chief Executive advised that Community Centres would be included in a future phase of consultation.

It was important to recognise that local authorities were less able to directly fund cultural activities, therefore community and business involvement and engagement with the work was necessary for the sector to be expanded in the district.

- How would cultural growth in the district be measured?

The Deputy Chief Executive advised that there was work to be done on developing an understanding of the existing cultural sector in Carlisle, which would provide useful baseline data.

The Panel gave consideration to how cultural activities were able to link with and benefit other areas such as economic development, health and wellbeing and education. Ms Edbury gave an overview of a number of projects she had previously been involved with in other areas of the country, for example, Hull 2017 Capital of Culture.

The Chairman considered comments about the ability of Councils to fund cultural work interesting. He thanked the Deputy Chief Executive and Ms Edbury for their presentation and attendance at the meeting.

RESOLVED – That the presentation on the Carlisle Cultural Consortium be noted.

HWSP.22/19 STANDING ORDERS

During consideration of the above item, it was moved, seconded and RESOLVED that Council Procedure Rule 9, in relation to the duration of meetings be suspended in order that the meeting could continue over the time limit of 3 hours.

HWSP.23/19 QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE REPORT 2018/19

The Policy and Communications Manager submitted the Quarter 3 2018/19 performance against the current Service Standards and a summary of the Carlisle Plan 2015-18 actions as defined in the 'plan on a page'. Performance against the Panel's 2018/19 Key performance Indicators (KPIs) were also included. (PC.02/19)

The report included a dashboard of the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the Panel along with a summary of exceptions. Section 3 of the report gave an update against the actions in the Carlisle Plan for actions within the remit of the Panel.

RESOLVED – That the Quarter 2 Performance Report 2018/19 (PC.02/19) be noted.

HWSP.24/19 OVERVIEW REPORT AND WORK PROGRAMME

The Policy and Communications Manager presented report OS.04/19 which provided an overview of matters relating to the work of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel.

The report detailed the most recent Notice of Executive Key Decisions, copies of which had been circulated to all Members, which had been published on 11 January 2019. There was only one item within the Panel's remit and it had not been included in the Panel's Work Programme: KD.01/19 – Old Fire Station Lease.

The report included a table of the progress on resolutions from previous meetings of the Panel and the current Work Programme. The Policy and Communications Manager noted that item number three on the table was complete as a written response had been circulated to Members.

In relation to the Work Programme, the Policy and Communications Manager drew Members' attention to the Joint Inquiry Day with the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel on Highways, and noted that following the announcement of funding for the Carlisle Southern Relief Road. He suggested that in order for the Panel to receive more detailed information from Officers involved that the item be carried over into the Panel's Work Programme for the new municipal year.

The Panel agreed the proposal

RESOLVED – 1) That the Overview Report and Work Programme (OS.04/19) be noted.

2) That Joint Inquiry Day with the Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel on Highways be arranged in the new municipal year.

(The meeting ended at 13:12).