

REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT TEAM ON OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ACTIVITY

Scrutiny Management Team

- Since writing my report for the last Council meeting, the Scrutiny Management Team has met twice. The last meeting of the 2016/17 year was held in March, which concluded a very busy year for the Team. As you are aware, we have carried out large reviews on mental health care provision; drug and alcohol rehabilitation provision; and youth engagement, in addition to a number of other light touch reviews.
- With reference to our review on **youth engagement**, you will recall that Council endorsed the conclusions of our Panel and agreed that a Pendle Borough Council Youth Council be formed. As agreed, a working group will determine the details of the Youth Council, taking into account the findings and conclusions of the Panel, in particular issues around safeguarding.

We currently have three members appointed to the **working group** and are yet to hold our first meeting. If you are interested in joining us in this important piece of work, please contact Committee Services.

We will continue to monitor progress on the recommendations from all three reviews.

- At our final meeting of the year we also received an update on **Pendle's Cycling Legacy Strategy 2016/2021** which was adopted in March 2016. As usual a lot of positive work is taking place, but sadly, limited availability of external funding has restricted the level of progress and will continue to be an issue going forward. Further details can be found at item 6 of the following link -
http://www.pendle.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/2280/scrutiny_management_team
- We also received an update on progress with actions in the **Promoting Pendle Action Plan**. We were happy to hear that representatives of Marketing Lancashire, an organisation that has links to Visit England, were due to visit Pendle with a view to raising the profile of the area. In addition we had an editorial in Northern Life to coincide with the 30th anniversary of the Pendle Way.

Our first meeting of the 2017/18 municipal year was held on 23rd May where the Team was pleased to welcome two new members.

At the meeting –

- We received the annual report of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel which provided information on the various topics that had been considered by the Panel in 2016/17. The Worship the Mayor Councillor David Whalley also gave us an update on the work of the **Pendle Dementia Action Alliance**. Notably, work was being carried out to make buildings used by the general public in Pendle dementia friendly and I am happy to report that the Contact Centre at Number One Market Street has been recognised as making good progress to becoming dementia friendly.

- Councillors Wayne Blackburn, Brian Newman, Sheila Wicks and myself were appointed to the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel. We have since been joined by Councillor George Adam. Although the Panel has again reduced in number, we are enthusiastic and committed to a full work programme.
- We began our first review of the year by considering a briefing note on the **Council's paper usage**. We discussed whether we felt the Council could do more to reduce the amount of paper it used and whether it did all it could to re-use and recycle the paper it did use. We have begun our investigations and, as a first step have invited all Members to receive their committee agendas and reports by email and links to the Council website as an alternative to paper copies delivered by post. We appreciate that this is not suitable for all and welcome any feedback, so if you have not already done so, please respond to Committee Services with your preference.

We will consider the results of our investigations at the November meeting.

- We received our six monthly update on the work of the **Corporate Equalities Steering Group** towards meeting our Equality Objectives. Amongst other things, we learnt that a review of use of text-phone/minicom has been carried out. This highlighted that the service has become outdated and in many ways obsolete as people can now contact the Council directly via email. As a result, the service has been discontinued.
- Finally we agreed the work programme for 2017/18 which was agreed by Council at its Annual meeting in May.

The Team will meet again on 18th July.

Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel

- The Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel has also held its first meeting of the municipal year where we re-appointed Councillor Wayne Blackburn as Leader of the Panel. Councillor Blackburn first accepted this position at the end of last year, following Councillor Ken Hartley's move to the Executive.
- As referred to in my last report, a key part of our work this year is monitoring progress with the **Lancashire and South Cumbria Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)**. The changes to be made across Lancashire and South Cumbria are being delivered under one Sustainability and Transformation Partnership called **Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria**, a partnership of organisations that are working together to improve health and care across the region.

This partnership is divided into five regions (Local Delivery Partnership areas) of which Pennine Lancashire is one.

So far, we have been disappointed at the lack of consultation on this topic. We were therefore pleased to welcome the Communications and Engagements Manager of Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria and the Finance Director for the STP to our meeting. This gave us the opportunity to raise our concerns and ask questions.

As many of you were unable to accept our invitation to join us, information has been circulated by email. This can also be accessed on the Council's website at item 3 of the following link – http://www.pendle.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/2364/health_and_social_care_scrutiny_panel

To hear a further update on progress, a number of us will be attending a public engagement event this month.

- We began our review on **highlighting the symptoms of Sepsis**. We agreed to carry out a review on this topic after noting the lack of publicity on this condition which we are told takes between 36-64 thousand lives per year. We will continue to work on this at our next meeting, where we hope to discuss the topic in further detail with a representative of the NHS. In the meantime, we will make enquiries to establish what information is currently available relating to the signs, symptoms and action required in relation to Sepsis, and the level of publicity being carried out.
- We also hope to welcome Lead Officers of Lancashire County Council and the Care Quality Commission to our next meeting to discuss our concerns about the **recommissioning of homecare services** for older adults and people with a physical disability. We first heard of the proposals in September 2014 and since then have been monitoring progress. Various setbacks have meant that the timeframe has slipped significantly from the original proposal to have contracts in place from November, 2015. It is now expected that contracts will be awarded in August, 2017, with the new framework commencing in November.
- Following our review of **drug and alcohol rehabilitation provision in East Lancashire** we received an update from Inspire Integrated Substance Misuse Service (Inspire). Inspire deliver an adult treatment service in the area and are leaders in adapting the Community Delivery Model of working. A list of community venues had been provided in the final report of the Panel and this has since been expanded with the addition of the following –
 - Grassroots Centre at St Phillips, Leeds Road, Nelson
 - Open Door Café, Colne (near future)
 - Health Centres in Barnoldswick , Earby, Nelson and Colne
- Finally we agreed our work programme for the coming year, which includes highlighting the symptoms of Sepsis and publicity around organ donation.

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