

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD AT COUNTY HALL, CHELMSFORD, AT 10.00AM ON 19 APRIL 2016

Present:

Councillors	Cabinet Member responsibility
D M Finch	Leader of the Council (Chairman)
K Bentley	Deputy Leader and Economic Growth, Waste and Recycling
A Brown	Corporate, Communities and Customers
G Butland	Health
R Gooding	Education and Lifelong Learning
E Johnson	Highways and Transport Delivery
J Spence	Finance

Councillors Young, Mackrory, Higgins, Howard, Maddocks, Bobbin, Walsh, Henderson, Page and Hirst also attended.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Rodney Bass, Councillor Madden, Councillor Pond and Councillor Twitchen

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Julie Young declared a personal interest in item 5 as her husband is a non-executive Director of Southend Hospital Trust.

4. Public Questions

No members of the public had registered an interest in asking a question or making a statement on any of the items to be considered at the meeting.

5. Procurement of a substance misuse Recovery Management Service and a combined Community Rehabilitation and Psychosocial Interventions Service

The Cabinet received report FP/442/03/16 from the Cabinet Member for Health which sought approval to procure:

- (a) a countywide Integrated Recovery Management Service (IRMS) for people with substance misuse issues.
- (b) a countywide combined Community Rehabilitation and Psychosocial Interventions Service (CRPIS) for people with substance misuse issues.

The following information was provided in response to questions raised from Councillors Young and Mackrory.

- Cllr Madden will be presenting a report on Foyers to Cabinet later this year following the current consultation.
- There is no intention to cut small groups out of the service
- The success of the Community Rehabilitation pilot is driving change in the service with over 80% of clients completing the programme.
- There will be a reduction from three to two services with an increased focus on supported recovery.
- The proposal for a seven year contract will help spread the set up costs for providers.

Resolved:

1. Agree to procure a seven year contract, to commence on 1 April 2017, for a countywide IRMS using the Open (one stage) procedure with a 70:30 price/quality ratio in favour of price. The contract will have a break clause at the end of the fifth year.
2. Agree that the maximum budget for the contract will be £2.3m per annum.
3. Agree to a procure a seven year contract, to commence on 1 April 2017, for a countywide CRPIS using the Open (one stage) procedure with a 70:30 price/quality ratio in favour of price, The contract will have a break clause at the end of the fifth year.
4. Agree that the maximum budget for the contract is £0.95m per annum.

6. Essex Better Care Fund submission to NHS England

The Cabinet received report FP/305/11/15 by the Cabinet Member for Health which sought approval of the draft Essex Better Care Fund (BCF) submission to NHS England for 2016/17 and to authorise the Executive Director of People Commissioning to agree the final document.

The following information was provided in response to questions raised from Councillors Young, Mackrory and Henderson.

- The shortage of GP's is an ongoing issue but within the success regime the bringing together of GP's into neighbourhood groups is more effective. It was noted that general practice is not, at present, an area young doctors commonly choose.
- Councillor Butland agreed to report back to Councillor Young on the issue of 15 minute home care visits.
- Everyone has a right to be registered with a GP and local clinical commissioning groups have a statutory duty to organise this.
- Stroke services, including early access and the rehabilitation following a stroke, are vital. The stroke pathways, led by clinicians, and the input social care will have is under review.

Resolved:

1. Agree to approve the draft Essex BCF submission.
2. Agree that the Executive Director for People Commissioning, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adults and Children, be authorised to approve the final submission of the Essex BCF amended to reflect any amendments which he considers to be appropriate as a result of the NHS England assurance process and to make any consequential changes necessary to the section 75 agreements which implement the Better Care Fund.

7. Cabinet Decisions Report

The Cabinet received report FP/434/03/16 by the Secretary to the Cabinet setting out the decisions taken by or in consultation with Cabinet Members since the last meeting.

Following a question raised by Councillor Julie Young relating to decisions FP/419/02/16 and FP/366/01/16, Councillor Butland agreed to seek guidance from Councillor Madden.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Members noted that the next meeting of the Cabinet would take place on Tuesday 17 May 2016 at 10.00am.

The meeting closed at 10:30am.