
Minutes of the meeting of the People and Families Policy and Scrutiny Committee, held in Committee Room 1 County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH on Thursday, 12 October 2017

Present:

County Councillors:

J Chandler (Chairman)

J Baker

B Egan

J Henry

J Lumley

P May

M McEwen

J Moran

P Reid

C Souter

The following officers were present in support of the meeting:

Graham Hughes, Senior Democratic Services Officer

Sophie Campion, Democratic Services Officer

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Maddocks and L Wagland, and Richard Carson, non-elected member.

2 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Lumley declared a Code interest as Chairman of a Young Carers Provider in the Rochford District.

3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 Questions from the Public

There were no questions from the public.

5 Report on call-in of Young Carers Service redesign

The Committee considered report (PAF/12/17) by the Senior Democratic Services Officer, on the Call-in of Young Carers Service redesign.

The decision taken by Cabinet, regarding the creation of a new Young Carers Service to be delivered in-house by ECC from 1 April 2018, had been called-in by Councillor Mike Mackrory with the support of Councillor's Stephen Robinson, Jude Deakin and Anne Turrell.

An informal meeting had been held with the Cabinet Member on 27 September 2017 and following those discussions with Councillor Mackrory, the Call-in was withdrawn on 28 September 2017.

It was **Agreed** that:

1. The report be noted.
2. A review of the implementation of the Young Carers Service Redesign be built into the Committee's work programme for 2018.

6 Work Programme

The Committee considered report (PAF/13/17) on the draft work programme.

The Chairman suggested that consideration be given to a future review of the 0-19 contract with Virgin Care.

The Senior Democratic Services Officer reminded Members that the work programme was a live, flexible document which would change and develop as and when necessary.

It was **Agreed** that:

1. The report and Appendix A, reflecting the current work programming be noted.
2. A review of the 0-19 contract with Virgin Care be further considered for possible inclusion in the work programme.

7 Joint Task and Finish Group

The Committee considered report (PAF/14/17) regarding the establishment of a joint Task and Finish Group with the Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee to look at issues in connection with the rate of hip fractures in Essex.

Resolved that:

1. The Committee endorsed actions taken to establish a joint Task & Finish Group with the Health Overview Policy and Scrutiny Committee to look at issues in connection with the rate of hip fractures in Essex;
2. The Committee approved the proposed membership; and
3. The Task & Finish Group report back to the committee after it has completed scoping so that the intended focus of the review can be endorsed.

8 Date of Next Activity Day

The Committee noted that its next activity day is scheduled for Thursday 9

November 2017 and the activities for that day would be confirmed nearer the time.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55am.

Chairman