

North Yorkshire County Council

Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5 March 2020 at 10.00am at County Hall, Northallerton.

Present:-

County Councillor Karin Sedgwick in the Chair.

County Councillors: Philip Broadbank, Eric Broadbent, Mike Chambers MBE, John Ennis, Caroline Goodrick, Helen Grant, David Jeffels, Andrew Jenkinson, Stanley Lumley, John Mann and Cliff Trotter.

Jill Quinn (Dementia Forward).

In attendance:

County Councillors Caroline Dickinson (Executive Member for Adult Social Care) and Andy Paraskos (Older Peoples Champion).

Officers: Ray Busby (Scrutiny Support Officer), Dale Owens Assistant Director (HAS)

Apologies:

County Councillor Stuart Martin MBE.

Voluntary and Community Sector: Independent Sector: Mike Padgham (Independent Care Group) and

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

215. Minutes

Resolved –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2020 having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

216. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest to note.

217. Public Questions or Statements

The committee was advised that no notice had been received of any public questions or statements to be made at the meeting.

218. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman updated members on changes to the work programme she had agreed to.

219. Social Prescribing

Considered

Work Plan prepared by Ray Busby, Principal Scrutiny Officer, outlining the views of the group spokespersons on how the committee should address social prescribing in North Yorkshire

The committee also heard from Caroline O'Neil and VCS Health Partnership Manager, Dewi Winkle from Community First on the development of a social prescribing in North Yorkshire.

Also present in the meeting to share views and experiences were Cath Simms (Living Well) and Marie-Ann Freed (Stronger Communities)

Caroline explained that Social prescribing, sometimes referred to as community referral, is a means of enabling GPs, nurses and other primary care professionals to refer people to a range of local, non-clinical services such as volunteering, arts activities, group learning, gardening, environmental initiatives, befriending, cookery, healthy eating advice and a range of sports.

Community First believes that social prescribing seeks to address people's needs in a holistic way. It also aims to support individuals to take greater control of their own health.

Introduced last summer, initial funding for schemes has been centred on primary care networks, involving a link worker or navigator who works with people to access local sources of support. Commissioning support through Living Well has ensured targeted support and avoided duplication.

Resolved –

- a) That the report be noted.
- b) The Chairman report the committee's positive conclusions in her statement to council.

220. Market Intervention

Considered –

Presentation by Dale Owens, Assistant Director, Commissioning and Quality, outlining: The Directorates Responsibilities regarding Market Shaping; Market Development Programme; Understanding The Market in The North Yorkshire Area; and focussing especially on Supported Living and proposals for the future.

Dale explained that different to Supported Housing/Accommodation and Residential or Nursing Care Homes, Supported Living is usually a shared house or cluster of properties (e.g. apartments), where the person has a tenancy and there is also a significant, flexible, presence from a care provider (which may be shared between tenants).

Members commented favourably on the news that the council is developing a new 'Supported Living Model'. Some of the key benefits of this work, members acknowledged, will be:

- Better outcomes for vulnerable people (both in terms of care and housing).
- More housing options for people with disabilities.
- Savings in terms of care costs and housing costs to the public purse by housing people in the accommodation which is most appropriate for them.
- A housing stock fit to meet the future needs of people.
- Freeing up housing stock for other uses.
- More influence over the market to meet need, rather than commercial targets.
- A wider range of housing options will be built as need.

Resolved -

That the report be noted and the committee return to this topic later in the year, hoping to see an increased demand for new Supported Living properties and a decrease in some of the existing stock.

221. Health and Adult Services Local Account 2018-2019

Considered

Dale Owens reported on the recently published on the Local Account.

Dale advised that the local account describes what the directorate has done to support people across the County during last year; how we have invested public money and what we aim to do in 2019/2020.

The main focus of this report is Adult Social Care; however, Health and Adult Services includes Public Health and the report should be read in conjunction with the Director of Public Health's Annual Report

Resolved –

The committee congratulated the directorate on the quality of the Local Account

Health and Social care Integration

Considered

Ray Busby reported that the final version of the Task group report on Health and Social Integration was nearing completion.

Resolved –

That the information given be noted

222. Work Programme

Considered -

The report of the Scrutiny Team Leader on the Work Programme.

Resolved -

That the work programme be agreed.

He meeting finished at 12:30am