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Executive Committee

Tue 7 Sep
2021
6.30 pm

Council Chamber
Town Hall
Redditch



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Agenda

Membership:

Cllrs:	Matthew Dormer (Chair)	Nyear Nazir
	Gemma Monaco (Vice-Chair)	Mike Rouse
	Brandon Clayton	David Thain
	Peter Fleming	Craig Warhurst
	Anthony Lovell	

5. Dementia Task Group - Final Report (Pages 1 - 4)

An extract from the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 2nd September 2021, when this report was considered, has been attached for the Executive Committee's consideration.

13. St David's House Extra Care Scheme - Business Case (Pages 5 - 6)

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 2nd September, 2021

MINUTES

Present:

Councillor Debbie Chance (Chair), and Councillors Salman Akbar, Joanne Beecham, Michael Chalk, Councillor Andrew Fry, Julian Grubb and Lucy Harrison

Also Present:

Councillor Matthew Dormer, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Planning, Economic Development, Commercialism and Partnerships
Councillor Craig Warhurst, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Procurement
Councillor Nyear Nazir, Portfolio Holder for Community Services and Regulatory Services

Officers:

K. Dicks, C. Felton, K. Hirons, J. Willis

Democratic Services Officers:

Jo Gresham and Joe Galkowski

17. DEMENTIA TASK GROUP REPORT

Councillor Chalk presented the Dementia Task Group Final Report to the committee. He thanked the members of the Task Group for taking part and individuals from external bodies who had provided witness testimonies to help inform the working group. Likewise, Councillor Chalk explained the background of the Task Group and its importance given the predicted number of individuals likely to be diagnosed with Dementia over the coming years, some of those being in Redditch Borough.

Councillor Chalk summarised the recommendations from the report. The first recommendation related to the promotion of Dementia Services in Redditch Borough by holding an event in conjunction with the Older People's Forum and Age UK. The second recommendation related to the updating of the Older People's Forum booklet which was available on the Council website. The last recommendation was that Councillors should be provided with Dementia Training so they could better understand the changing needs of the residents of the Borough. He recognised there

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would be some minor financial implications in terms of Officer time but believed they were achievable.

Members noted the report identified that there was no Public Health Practitioner operating in Redditch after the previous one had left the post. Members wondered why a replacement Public Health Practitioner had not been included in the recommendations of the Task Group. The Chief Executive responded by saying that previously Public Health had operated a model where there was a public health practitioner for each district but had modified this to a thematic based approach. He commented further that it was unlikely that the Worcestershire County Council Public Health Team would revert to the previous practice of place based Public Health Practitioners. The Chief Executive added that he and the Redditch Partnership Manager were working closely with partners as part of the local Integrated Care System through the Redditch Collaborative, so was happy to obtain up to date data and information for the Committee regarding Dementia Services.

Councillor Nazir was in attendance for the item, as the Portfolio Holder for Community Services and Regulatory Services. She thanked the members for bringing the report forward and recognised that there was not much provision of Dementia support, but there were some such as the Dementia Café at Astwood Bank. Councillor Nazir highlighted that there was also a hesitancy from GPs to diagnose individuals with Dementia.

It was suggested that an additional recommendation should be added which required the Chief Executive to return to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with new data and information in relation to Dementia Services. The recommendation was made by Councillor Chalk and seconded by Councillor Fry.

On being put to a vote, the proposal was agreed.

RECOMMENDED that:

- 1) officers work with local agencies including the Older People's Forum, Age UK to hold a Dementia Awareness Event in the Town Hall and promote the event on the Council's website.**
- 2) officers undertake a refresh of the Older People Services Booklet which is currently available on the Redditch Borough Council website and include a specific section regarding Dementia Services available in the Borough.**
- 3) Dementia Training be provided to all Elected Members in order for them to better understand the changing needs of the residents in the Borough.**
- 4) As part of the work in respect of Integrated Care System, the Chief Executive of Redditch Borough Council to work**

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alongside partner agencies to provide Members with further information on Dementia services in the Borough and potential services for the future.

The Meeting commenced at 6.30 pm
and closed at 8.06 pm

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27. PRE-SCRUTINY - ST DAVID'S HOUSE EXTRA CARE SCHEME BUSINESS CASE (TO FOLLOW)

The Head of Community and Housing Services presented the report for the Executive Committee on St. David's House Extra Care Scheme Future Delivery Model to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for pre-scrutiny. The purpose of the report was to consider the options for the services provided by Redditch Borough Council at St. David's House and the Queens Cottages, including domiciliary care, core care and kitchen provisions. The recommended option was to put the services out for procurement to a specialist care provider.

Councillor Warhurst was in attendance for this item, as the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Procurement, and was invited to speak on the item. Councillor Warhurst recognised that this was a difficult decision to make however it was a huge cost to the Council for a non-statutory duty and therefore necessary to do due to the Council's financial situation. Councillor Warhurst concluded by saying that the Council would be

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keeping the property as landlord, so therefore could ensure the provision of care provided at St. David's House and the Queens Cottages were at the level the Council expected for its residents.

Members asked if the Trades Unions had been consulted and what the outcome of the discussion was. It was reported that a meeting with union representatives was due to take place the day after the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, so discussions had not taken place.

The Committee wanted further assurances that there was confidence in the business case. Members were informed that some soft market testing had been undertaken within the care sector in conjunction with Worcestershire County Council. This was because any potential service provider had to be on the Worcestershire County Council approved care provider list. Members were advised that if there were no successful tenders for providing the aforementioned services at St. David's House and the Queens Cottages, then the Head of Community and Housing Services would be willing to return to members to update them.

Members expressed concerns about how this business case would affect the number of staff and quality of services provided to the residents in St. David's House.

The committee noted many of the points that had been raised throughout the discussion and that it was a difficult decision to make. However, it was acknowledged that the service provided at St. David's House by Redditch Borough Council was not a statutory function, that any provider of care needed to be a Worcestershire County Council approved care provider and that they would be monitored by the Care Quality Commission as the ultimate body for inspecting care service quality. Likewise, Members believed if this action wasn't taken, the Council could be in a worse financial position.

Councillor Chalk proposed that the Committee recommend to Executive to support the recommendations contained in the report. This was seconded by Councillor Beecham. On being put to a vote, the proposal was agreed, though with some Members voting against.

RECOMMENDED that

Executive Committee resolve that the delivery of the Personal Domiciliary Care, Core Services and Kitchen services at St David's House Extra Care Scheme be procured in accordance with the Business Case attached to the report.