

**Adult Social Care Committee
Minutes of the Meeting Held on 8 June 2015
1:00pm Edwards Room, County Hall, Norwich**

Present:

Ms S Whitaker (Chair)

Mr B Borrett

Ms J Brociek –Coulton

Mr D Crawford

Michael Chenery of Horsbrugh

Mr T FitzPatrick

Mr T Garrod

Mr J Joyce

Ms E Morgan

Mr J Perkins

Mr A Proctor

Mr W Richmond

Mrs M Somerville

Mr B Watkins

1. Apologies

- 1.1 There were apologies received from Mr T FitzPatrick, Mr A Grey, Mr M Sands, Mr E Seward (substituted by Mr J Joyce), Mrs A Thomas (substituted by Mr M Chenery of Horsbrugh), and Mr M Wilby.

2. Declarations of Interest

- 2.1 There were no interests declared.

3. The New Approach to Social Care – Promoting Independence in Norfolk

- 3.1 The annexed report was received from the Executive Director Adult Social Services. The report proposed setting a new Council strategy for Adult Social Care with the aim of helping people to live independently wherever possible. The new Promoting Independence strategy would be part of the County Council's strategic approach, Re-imagining Norfolk.
- 3.2 The Committee received a presentation from the Director of Integrated Commissioning, which is attached to these minutes.
- 3.3 In response to a question about the relationship between NCC and the NHS, the Executive Director said that generally things were working well and this was helping people to stay at home. NHS is aware that changes need to be made as all agencies were under financial pressures.
- 3.4 Concern was expressed about a strong sense of loneliness for individuals and there needed to be some signposting of services to enable individuals to help themselves.

- There needed to be understanding of the impact of the proposed changes on Norfolk and how it would work in Norfolk. Community Development are working with community links in order to help signpost people to existing community groups.
- 3.5 Earlier collaboration with agencies would become necessary to prevent people contacting services at the last minute. Carer's assessments need to be carried out at an earlier stage.
- 3.6 Under the Re-imagining Norfolk strategy, work needs to be carried out to empower communities. Working with Parish Councils would also be a key part of the programme to enable communities.
- 3.7 The Committee asked for demographic information and associated financial information to identify the pressures and to help assess if communities would be robust enough to be able to cope with the demand. The Committee was concerned about that the department has capacity to run a major transformation programme. It was hoped that the NHS would help fund the transformation.
- 3.8 It was recognised that no single model would be appropriate and the needs of specific users groups would be identified.
- 3.9 It was noted that the Committee had limited flexibility in charging service users for care.
- 3.10 The Committee **RESOLVED**;
- To endorse and champion the proposed development of a new strategy for adult social care and the associated development of a medium term financial plan.

Meeting finished at 2.50pm.

CHAIR



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