



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Scrutiny Performance Panel – Adult Services**

Committee Room 3A, Guildhall, Swansea

Tuesday, 10 October 2017 at 3.30 pm

Present: Councillor P M Black (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

M C Child
J W Jones

Councillor(s)

V M Evans
A Pugh

Councillor(s)

P R Hood-Williams
G J Tanner

Co-opted Member(s)

Tony Beddow

Co-opted Member(s)

Katrina Guntrip

Officer(s)

Liz Jordan
Alex Williams

Scrutiny Officer
Head of Adult Services

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): C A Holley and S M Jones

1 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

No interests declared.

2 Notes of meeting on 20 September 2017

The Panel agreed the notes as an accurate record of the meeting.

3 Adult Services Performance Framework

Alex Williams, Head of Adult Services went through the report highlighting a number of points. A number of comments were raised.

Discussion points:

- General question about the large amount of information contained in the report and how easy this is to manage. The Panel was assured that it is manageable.
- Summary report page 4 – Long term domiciliary care. Concerns about large increase in hours provided and rapidly nearing operational ceiling in terms of availability of care hours. Department seeking to reduce number of contracted hours and budget for next year will reflect this. Need to ensure reductions driven

by need rather than budgetary pressures. Informed Brexit could also have an effect on this issue and residential care.

- Summary report page 5 – Delayed transfers of care. Concerns about large increase in August in delayed transfers of care. Further increase had occurred in September but Department hopeful measures put in place will see this start to reduce in October.
- Main report page 44 – Safeguarding vulnerable adults – concerns about 24 hr target and 7 day target – should be aiming for much higher. Department centralising responsibility to improve accuracy of the measure. Panel will monitor this performance measure going forward.

4 How the Council's Policy Commitments translate to Adult Services

Mark Child, Cabinet Member for Health and Well Being introduced the report. He informed the Panel that policy commitments were agreed by Council in July 2017 so there has only been a short time to work on them. The goals are wider than just Council goals and Cabinet Members have a role to ensure objectives are met.

Agreed:

- If 'RAG' status used Panel needs more context to assess how appropriate each status is
- Panel would like the objectives of key officers set out in more precise / timed terms.

Actions:

- Report to be brought back to the Panel in October 2018 and to include more structure around how the objectives will be achieved including timelines.

5 Work Programme Timetable 2017-18

Agreed:

- Additional meeting to be held to look at Council budget proposals prior to them going to Cabinet.
- Panel requires the budget described both in terms of cash sums and the broad activities and outcomes those sums are intended to deliver.

Actions:

- Schedule additional meeting on Council budget on 5 February 2018. Alex Williams to provide additional information alongside the budget proposals to assist the Panel
- Send letter to the Cabinet Member following the meeting for information.

6 Letters

Letters received and considered by the Panel.

The meeting ended at 5pm.