

Central Bedfordshire Council

EXECUTIVE

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Executive Response in Respect of Integration of Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Enquiry

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This report relates to a decision that is Key

Purpose of this report

1. To agree the response of the Executive to the outcomes a scrutiny enquiry into Integration of Health and Social Care as received at the previous Executive meeting on 20 June 2017.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive is asked to:

1. **agree the response appended to this report including the proposed actions to be taken in light of the recommendations of the enquiry.**

Overview and Scrutiny Comments/Recommendations

2. The recommendations of the review were ratified by the Social Care, Health and Housing OSC on 15 May 2017 at which the Committee also supported the principles and recommendations in the report and wished to re-emphasise a number of key areas: these were:-
 - the importance of the role of the community and voluntary sector, such as the Village Care and good neighbour schemes, and faith groups to support integration along side multi disciplinary teams in localities, be highlighted and supported;

- that officers should investigate public sector funding opportunities for Integrated Health and Care Hub facilities in the Ivel Valley, West Mid Bedfordshire, Chiltern Vale, and, Leighton Buzzard;
- the Committee supported the view that Spokes be considered for market towns and villages such as Silsoe, Sandy, Pottton and amongst others to be aligned to the Hubs and that an approach for what the Spokes might look like for those areas be mapped out by officers and NHS Partners; and
- that the Bromley-by-Bow community centre be recommended to the Executive as a good practice model for Integrated Health and Care Hub working.

Background

3. The Executive received a report and recommendations of the Enquiry into integration of health and social care in Central Bedfordshire at its meeting on 20 June 2017.
4. The Purpose of the Enquiry was to:
 - To understand the national strategic drivers, barriers and risks
 - To receive evidence, advice and information from sector experts to agree an emerging approach to redesign how residents access health and care services.
 - Gather evidence, appreciate and learn from existing best practice across the country including integrated health and care hubs.
 - Understand resident's existing experiences
 - What is feasible for Central Beds and how we deliver it.
5. The Constitution requires that the Executive consider the report and respond within two months indicating what action, if any is proposed to take and if it decides to take no action the reasons for that decision.

Summary of the recommendations and Executive response

6. A summary of the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Executive response including proposed actions are set out in Appendix 1.
7. The proposed actions include some indicative delivery timescales. There is still opportunity to reflect on the proposed dates for delivery.

Council Priorities

8. The recommendations of the enquiry are aimed to support the Council's approach to protecting the vulnerable and improving Wellbeing.

Corporate Implications

Legal Implications

9. There are no legal implications arising directly from this report although should proposals be prepared in light of the recommendations contained in this report proposing the integration of services a full review will be necessary.

Financial and Risk Implications

10. There are potential significant cost implications for delivery of integrated health and care Hubs but anticipate that some of these could be mitigated through partnership engagement on the developments. Currently officers have secured One Public Estate Funding and additional funding from the NHS to pay for the development of Business cases. Individual costs of the Hubs will be derived from the Business cases.

Equalities Implications

11. Central Bedfordshire Council has a statutory duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations in respect of nine protected characteristics; age disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. This includes identifying opportunities to encourage people with protected characteristics to participate in public life or in other activities where their participation is low.
12. Research indicates that vulnerable groups struggle to understand and navigate the complexity of health and social care services. Closer working across agencies and improved locality working provides potential opportunities to improve access to services. There will also be a need for services to be proactive in identifying and targeting sections of the community experiencing poorer health outcomes who may not be accessing preventative and early intervention services

Conclusion and next Steps

13. The Executive are asked to consider the response to the recommendations and determine what further action is required.

Appendices

Appendix A: Executive response to the overview and scrutiny enquiry

Background Papers

The following background papers, not previously available to the public, were taken into account and are available on the Council's website:

- (i) <http://centralbeds.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=577&MId=5344&Ver=4>

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