

	<p align="center">Full Council 26 November 2018</p>
	<p align="center">Report from the Director of Performance Policy and Partnerships</p>
<p>Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Chair's Update Report</p>	

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	N/A
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: <small>(If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)</small>	Open
No. of Appendices:	Appendix A – Work Programme
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the activities carried out by the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee and covers the period since 17 September 2018. It details the results of the committee's meetings, work programme and engagement activities.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 Council is asked to note the content of this report.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The remit of the committee as set out in the constitution is the overview and scrutiny of children's services, adult social care, public health, health services and the NHS, and cultural services. There are eight elected members on the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee. All committee members are part of the Labour group apart from the vice-chair who is from the Conservative group. The membership of the committee for 2018/19 is:

Cllr Ketan Sheth, Chair
Cllr Reg Colwill, Vice-Chair
Cllr Ihtesham Afzal
Cllr Rita Conneely

Cllr Claudia Hector
Cllr Promise Knight
Cllr Ahmad Shahzad OBE
Cllr Anita Thakkar.

- 3.2 In addition, the committee has six co-opted members, representing the Anglican diocese, Roman Catholic diocese, governors of primary schools, governors of secondary schools, Muslim faith schools and Jewish faith schools. They have been co-opted to the committee for the purposes of school education.
- 3.3 On 8 October the committee reviewed the **annual report of the Brent Local Safeguarding Children Board for 2017/18**, which was presented by the Independent Chair Mike Howard. Members of the committee heard that the LSCB had four priorities for 2017-18: domestic abuse, neglect, child sexual abuse, and child and parental mental ill health. Throughout the year, the LSCB had carried out a range of activities to address its priorities. In the last year, the Board had been successful in involving new partners and four new lay members had been recruited which had improved the LSCB's links with the local community. In addition, the Board's involvement with many of the borough's schools had been improved. LSCB had been able to deliver a very successful training event in January 2018 which had explored themes emerging from serious youth violence. However, as a result of legislation and new national guidance the LSCB had entered a transitional period during which it would carry out all statutory functions until new safeguarding partner arrangements would begin to operate in Brent. Under the new structure, there would be three statutory safeguarding partners: the local authority, police and health.
- 3.4 At the same meeting in October the committee discussed the **annual report for 2017/18 of the Brent Safeguarding Adults Board**, which was presented by the Independent Chair Professor Michael Preston-Shoot. Members heard that overall performance in the Borough was better than in other areas, but the Board recognised that there were outstanding challenges related to modern slavery, self-neglect and human trafficking. Members of the committee welcomed the report and asked questions that related to the effectiveness of the adult safeguarding system in Brent; the actions that had been taken to highlight the impact of cuts and the Board's community engagement plan. The Independent Chair explained that although the operational collaboration in the Borough was good, with the majority of the referrals coming through the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH), there were concerns related to frontline police officers' understanding of certain sections of the Mental Capacity Act 2005. These had been addressed by the Independent Chair who had held discussions on ways to strengthen knowledge of statutory areas. Furthermore, joint training sessions had been delivered in collaboration with the CCG and there had been good engagement between the NHS Trusts, local authority, ambulance Trusts and the London Fire Brigade. The fire brigade were offering home visits to older residents to conduct fire risk assessments and were also working closely with the Board to raise awareness of hoarding and the risks associated with it in terms of safety.

4.0 Other activities and future meetings

- 4.1 The committee has set up a task group which will be looking at the issue of contextual safeguarding and will report back in 2019 with recommendations for the Cabinet. The task group is being chaired by Councillor Hylton and the other members are Councillor Patterson and Councillor Donnelly-Jackson.
- 4.2 In 2017 members of the committee gave their response to a consultation about the Air Quality Action Plan 2017-2022 with particular reference to public health. The chair of the committee has now asked for an update to be published in the update report for the committee which will take place on 28 November. Cabinet agreed the action plan in November last year and the update will state what progress has been made with the actions around public health and engagement which the Cabinet committed to in the action plan.
- 4.3 The main items on the agenda for the next meeting in November will be Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), Brent's youth offer, and family hubs. To help prepare for the next meeting on 28 November, the committee members will be visiting a family hub run by Westminster Council.
- 4.4 At the meeting on 8 October the committee agreed the work programme for 2018/19. This is attached as appendix A. In addition to the normal cycle of committee meetings there will now be two special committee meetings: on 21 November to discuss proposals for the London Borough of Culture 2020, and on 13 December to discuss the report published in August 2018 by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) on services at North West London NHS University Healthcare Trust. The special committee meeting to discuss the CQC report has been organised because of concerns by the Chair of the committee and members about the findings in the report about services at Northwick Park hospital and because the Trust was judged again as requiring improvement.
- 4.5 The chair of the committee is committed to engaging with residents about the role of scrutiny and seeking to understand residents' priorities for the borough. To help with this, the Chair of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee took part in a scrutiny café at Willesden Green Library in October during European Local Democracy Week. The focus for the scrutiny café was health services. The chair heard from residents about the importance of GP services and child health, and how joined up NHS and health services are.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6.0 Legal Implications

- 6.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

7.0 Equality Implications

- 7.1 There are no equality implications.

Report sign off:

Peter Gadsdon

Director of Policy Performance and
Partnerships

Appendix A: Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2018-19

Special Committee Meeting

21 November 2018

Agenda Rank	Item	Themes	Cabinet Member	Brent Council Officers	Other Organisations
1.	London Borough of Culture 2020	Proposals for borough of culture.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Public Health, Culture and Leisure	Dr Melanie Smith, Director of Public Health Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing Minesh Patel, Head of Finance	Brent Youth Parliament

Wednesday 28 November 2018

Agenda Rank	Item	Themes	Cabinet Member	Brent Council Officers	Other Organisations
1.**	Child and Adolescent Mental Health (CAMHS) Update	Update on CAMHS provision in Brent. Update on recommendations made in members' task group report.	Cllr Mili Patel, Children's Safeguarding, Early Help and Social Care	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director, Children and Young People Andrew Ward, Head of Finance	Sheik Auladin, Chief Operating Officer, Brent CCG Duncan Ambrose, Assistant Director, Brent CCG
2.	Development of Family Hubs	Developing family hubs	Cllr Mili Patel, Children's Safeguarding, Early Help and Social Care	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director, Children and Young People Andrew Ward, Head of Finance	
3.	Youth Offer in Brent	Review youth offer in Brent.	Cllr Mili Patel, Children's Safeguarding, Early Help and Social Care	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director, Children and Young People Andrew Ward, Head of Finance	Young Brent Foundation Brent Youth Parliament

*Items involving school education. ** Items which may involve partnership work with schools.

Special Committee Meeting

13 December 2018

Agenda Rank	Item	Themes	Cabinet Member	Brent Council Officers	Other Organisations
1.	Care Quality Commission report on London North West Healthcare NHS Trust	Discussion of report and action plan for improvements.	Cllr Harbi Farah, Cabinet Member for Health	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing	Simon Crawford, Director of Strategy and Deputy Chief Executive, London North West Healthcare NHS Trust. Care Quality Commission Healthwatch Brent

Wednesday 30 January 2019

Agenda Rank	Item	Themes	Cabinet Member	Brent Council Officers	Other Organisations
1.	Contextual Safeguarding Task Group: Interim Feedback	To discuss emerging recommendations and findings from the task group.	Cllr Mili Patel Cabinet Member, Safeguarding, Early Help and Social Care	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director Children and Young People	
2.	Winter planning and NHS Services	Review urgent care and other services in winter.	Cllr Harbi Farah, Adult Social Care		Sheik Auladin, Chief Operating Officer, Brent CCG Healthwatch Brent
3.	Brent CCG Commissioning Intentions	Review commissioning intentions for 2019-2021 Focus on GP practices.	Cllr Harbi Farah, Adult Social Care		Sheik Auladin, Chief Operating Officer, Brent CCG Healthwatch Brent

4.	Dementia Services in Brent	Services for those with dementia and carers. Work towards making Brent a dementia friendly borough.	Cllr Harbi Farah, Adult Social Care	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing Helen Woodland, Operational Director Social Care Minesh Patel, Head of Finance	Healthwatch Brent
5.	Corporate Complaints Report	Scrutinise the 2017/18 annual corporate complaints report	Cllr Margaret McLennan, Deputy Leader	Irene Bremang, Head of Performance and Improvement Helen Woodland, Operational Director Social Care Gail Tolley, Strategic Director, Children and Young People	
6.	Childhood Obesity Task Group	Set up a members' overview and scrutiny task group.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member Public Health and Culture	Dr Melanie Smith, Director Public Health Minesh Patel, Head of Finance	

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Monday 18 March 2019

Agenda Rank	Item	Report Details	Cabinet Member	Brent Council Officers	Other Organisations
1.**	Contextual Safeguarding Overview task group	Full report and recommendations of the members' task group	Cllr Mili Patel, Children's Safeguarding, Early Help and Social Care	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director, Children and Young People Andrew Ward, Head of Finance	
2.*	Improving educational achievement of Black Caribbean boys	Review of underachievement in schools of boys of black and Caribbean heritage.	Cllr Amer Agha, Schools, Employment and Skills	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director, Children and Young People Andrew Ward, Head of Finance	
3.*	School Standards and Achievement Report 2017-18	Scrutinise school standards for 2017-18	Cllr Amer Agha, Schools, Employment and Skills	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director, Children and Young People Andrew Ward, Head of Finance	

4.**	Young People Not in Education Employment and Training (NEET)	Scrutinise numbers of NEET young people and how the local authority is addressing this issue.	Cllr Mili Patel, Children's Safeguarding, Early Help and Social Care	Gail Tolley, Strategic Director, Children and Young People Andrew Ward, Head of Finance	
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Wednesday 17 April 2019

Agenda Rank	Item	Themes	Cabinet Member	Brent Council Officers	Other Organisations
1.	Transforming Care	Implementation of Brent's Transforming Care programme set up in response to Winterbourne View report.	Cllr Harbi Farah, Adult Social Care	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing Helen Woodland, Operational Director Social Care	Sheik Auladin, Chief Operating Officer, Brent CCG
2.	Safeguarding Adult Review: Adult B	Recommendations following the review into the case of Adult B.	Cllr Harbi Farah, Adult Social Care	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing Helen Woodland, Operational Director Social Care	Sheik Auladin, Chief Operating Officer, Brent CCG Michael Preston-Shoot, Independent Chair, Brent Safeguarding Adults Board
3.	Brent's Open Spaces and Physical Activity	Review how open spaces are helping to promote physical activity.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member Public Health and Culture	Dr Melanie Smith, Director Public Health Amar Dave, Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment	

4.	Home Care Recommissioning	Update on Task Group Report presented to Cabinet in April 2018.	Cllr Harbi Farah, Adult Social Care	Phil Porter, Strategic Director Community Wellbeing Helen Woodland, Operational Director Social Care	
5.	Childhood Obesity: Overview and Scrutiny Task Group Report	Presentation of recommendations from members' task group.	Cllr Krupesh Hirani, Cabinet Member Public Health and Culture	Dr Melanie Smith, Director Public Health	

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