



**CITY OF WESTMINSTER**

# MINUTES

**CHILDREN, ADULT PUBLIC HEALTH AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR  
POLICY & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
20 OCTOBER 2022  
MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Children, Adult Public Health and Voluntary Sector Policy and Scrutiny Committee** held on Thursday 20 October 2022 at 6.30pm at Westminster City Hall, Room 18.01 - 18.03, 18th Floor, 64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP.

**Members Present:** Councillors Lorraine Dean, Iman Less, Tim Mitchell, Ellie Ormsby, Angela Piddock (Chair), Caroline Sargent, and Max Sullivan.

**Also present:** Councillor Nafiska Butler-Thomas (Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health, and Voluntary Sector), Councillor Tim Roca, (Cabinet Member for Young People, Learning and Leisure), Linda Hunting (Policy and Scrutiny Advisor) and Richard Cressey (Head of Governance and Councillor Liaison).

## **MEMBERSHIP**

- 1.1 The Committee noted that Councillor Lorraine Dean was attending as substitute for Councillor Karen Scarborough and Councillor Caroline Sargent was attending as a substitute for Councillor Selina Short.
- 1.2 The Committee noted apologies for Alix Ascough and Professor Ryan Nichol, co-opted Members of the Committee.

## **2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

- 2.1 The Chair welcomed the Members of the Council and Cabinet Members Councillor Nafiska Butler-Thomas and Councillor Tim Roca to the meeting.
- 2.2 The Chair welcomed Linda Hunting (Policy and Scrutiny Advisor) to this Committee.
- 2.3 The Chair advised the Committee of the order of the meeting, to be both Cabinet Member updates, followed by the update on the Gordon Hospital and report on the Care Coordination Solution (CCS).

- 2.4 The Chair advised Members the minutes for the meeting 12 September were yet to be drafted and would be considered at the next Committee meeting on 5 December 2022.
- 2.5 The Chair advised Members that officers would respond to questions arising from the meeting verbally, unless they were complex and they would then be provided in writing, following the meeting.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

### **4. CABINET MEMBER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, LEARNING AND LEISURE**

- 4.1 The Committee received an update from Councillor Tim Roca, on priorities for the portfolio and any updates that have arisen. The Cabinet Member responded to questions on the following topics:
- Available data on student enrolment and how that compares to previous years.
  - An update on the Tri-Borough Music Hub provision and whether funds allocated to the culture fund can support this activity going forward.
  - Afghan refugees and asylum seekers and what types of interventions can be implemented in order to support them and resettlement.
  - The Bayswater Family Centre and the resources available to run centres like this in the borough, the residents who are the primary focus, the community consultation process, and the Council's promises in the manifesto.
  - Additional funding from the Holiday's, Activities and Food Programme (HAF) for out of school provision activities and how that money is being spent with the providers.
  - The eligibility criteria for free school meals in the borough provided by HAF.
  - Where nursery school places are available in the borough, accessibility for parents / carers, and what private provisions are available across the Wards.
  - The Westminster Foundation and funding.
  - The feedback from the Winter in the City survey carried out in the borough on climate preparedness, such as wind chill.
  - The Bayswater Children's Centre, in line with the Children's Services offer in Westminster and when the centre will be reopened.
  - The Seymour Leisure Centre redevelopment programme and the organisations involved with the proposals for the centre going forward, including the internal consultation process, and what support for the scheme has been indicated from national organisations.

4.2 Other issues discussed were additional funding achieved by the Council and how that has informed future plans, Ukrainian settlement and temporary accommodation in and out of borough, The Everyone Active contract, and potential revenue gained from the Paddington Recreation Centre.

#### 4.3 **ACTIONS**

1. That information be provided on the falling pupil numbers in the borough, including, comparative figures from previous academic years.
2. That data on the availability of musical instruments in schools be provided to the Committee and that the Committee be kept updated on the music hub provision.
3. That further information to be provided to the Committee about the activities provided as part of the HAF programme including, how the funds are spent with each provider.
4. An update be provided to the Committee on the cost of living and the effects on families, children, and educational provisions.
5. That an update on Ukrainian arrivals, specifically information on where homelessness has occurred as a result of a match breakdown in the system.
6. That further information on the proposed cost of the development of the Seymour Centre be provided for the Committee, to include the service provider proposals for the centre.
7. That information about the revenue obtained from the Paddington Recreation Centre and what is it used for to be provided for the Committee.
8. That information about where the funds come from to maintain and invest in parks/ in the borough Paddington Recreation Centre, be provided to the Committee.

### 5. **CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR**

- 5.1 The Committee received an update from Councillor Nafsika Butler-Thomas, on priorities for the portfolio and any updates that have arisen. The Cabinet Member responded to questions on the following topics:
- The voluntary sector delivering public health outcomes.
  - The Super-Zones due to be piloted in schools and the kinds of interventions that are being used to promote the objectives of the scheme such as, community safety, active travel, and sale of particular items within a 400 metre radius of a

school, what areas have been chosen for the pilot and the reasons, the base model introduced by the GLA earlier in the year including how this crosses over into other services such as licensing and planning, that the initiative is tailored to a local communities need and changing the environment around the school.

- How the Council advocates public health issues.
- Promoting Westminster Plus.
- The Covid-19 vaccination scheme, available immunisation data, the issues around the timing of data availability, and lessons learned from Covid-19 that could be applied to vaccinations of other immunisations.
- The social care marketplace and whether the same processes and platform used will also be implemented for mental health interventions.
- Plans for Learning Disability Day Care centres in the borough.
- Voluntary sector contracts information, in particular resident advice contracts.
- Food poverty and the use of food champions and community pantries, including, these having a steer toward sustainability, recycling, and food wastage.
- Comparative rates on the take-up of vaccinations in Westminster versus other London boroughs.

### 5.3 ACTIONS

1. That comparative data on the uptake of vaccinations across all London boroughs will be given to the Committee.
2. That a demonstration of the social care marketplace to be arranged for the Committee.
3. That the figures for people going outside the borough to seek mental health medical treatment be provided for the Committee including, how far they travelled from their homes.
4. That information about super zones and whether there will be a standardised approach as the scheme is expanded to be arranged for the Committee.
5. That additional interested Committee Members contact the Policy and Scrutiny Advisor to arrange visits to the Gordon Hospital, Crisis House Paddington, and St. Charles Hospital.

## 6. UPDATE ON THE GORDON HOSPITAL

- 6.1 The Chair welcomed Ann Sheridan (Managing Director of Central and NW London Jameson Division) and Senior Officers from the Gordon Hospital to introduce the paper and provide an overview of the report. The Managing Director of Central and NW London Jameson Division, Lucy Cooke (Interim Borough Director for Westminster), Kamaldeep Rai (Clinical Project Director & Senior Responsible Officer for Equality, Diversity & Inclusion), Dr. and Sujaa

Arokiadass (Clinical Director for Westminster Mental Health Services and Consultant Psychiatrist) responded to questions on the following topics:

- How often and how many residents are required to go out-of-borough to receive hospitalisation for mental health conditions as a result of the limited availability of in-patient mental health spaces.
- The provisions available across the borough for mental health care.
- The holistic and preventative measures currently being piloted in the borough.
- The plans for unused space at the Gordon Hospital, the consultation process starting in September 2023 and the new initiatives opening in the borough in February 2023.
- What is happening at a Local Authority level for mental health support, what kinds of health and social care provisions are available, and how a joined-up approach would benefit service-users.
- The availability and types of spaces in the borough used for mental health care and what changes have been made to the service in Westminster as a result of the Gordon Hospital being closed, including methods for assessment.
- Admissions and re-admissions for mental health hospital treatment in the borough.
- The emphasis on home treatment, mental health reablement, and mental health assessment, including mental health and A&E services.

6.2 Other topics discussed were the forthcoming interim review visits to be carried out by Healthwatch Westminster to consider the cultural appropriateness and accessibility of the Gordon Hospital and Healthwatch assisting in the consultation process of the hospital.

### 6.3 **ACTIONS:**

1. That the Committee will be provided with the figures showing the number of Westminster residents that access mental health services and need to be facilitated out-of-borough for in-patient care.
2. That figures for admissions and re-admissions for mental health hospital services be provided to the Committee.
3. That Healthwatch will provide for the Committee its findings from the interim review visits to be carried out at the Gordon Hospital over the coming months, in due course.

## 7. **REPORT ON THE CARE COORDINATION SOLUTION (CCS)**

7.1 The Chair welcomed Bruno Botelho (Deputy COO & Director of Digital Operations, Innovation, Performance and Information, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust / NWL Programme Director – Improving Elective

Care Coordination for Patients) and Dr. Rodger Chinn (Chief Medical Officer and Chief Clinical Information Officer for Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust) to introduce the paper and provide an overview of the report. The Director of Digital Operations, Innovation, Performance and Information and Chief Medical Officer responded to questions on the following topics:

- Addressing the challenges that exist for managing patient elective care.
- How the CCS tool operates and using the resources available effectively.
- Where the tool has already been implemented and future plans.
- The benefits to patients.
- The reasons behind why the tool was created.
- The present challenges and addressing resources effectively, including hospital and patient transport.
- How patient waiting lists have changed since the pilot of CCS and the reasons behind this.
- Whether the application can be used by other services and other professionals in public health care settings in order to access patient details and history.
- How the data comparatively for theatre scheduling and utilisation is reflected in the use of this system.

## **8. 2022/2023 WORK PROGRAMME**

8.1 The Chair invited the Policy and Scrutiny Advisor to update the Committee on items on the Work Programme.

8.2 The Committee reviewed potential items to be prioritised for the 2022/23 work programme, which included focusing on:

- A Task Group to consider falling rolls of primary schools.
- The request for the Children and Young People's Plan to come to the Committee on 5 December.
- The request for the proposal for the Elective Orthopaedic Centre in NW London consultation to come to the Committee on 5 December.
- The Adult Safeguarding report to be moved to 23 February 2023 Committee meeting.
- A Policy and Scrutiny meeting to be arranged off-site at the Westminster Academy in the New Year, including a presentation by the Headteacher.

8.3 Other topics discussed were the need for the Committee to be flexible in planning the Work Programme, in order to be able to respond to needs that arise and consider items as they are required or requested.

**8.4 ACTIONS:**

1. The creation of a Task Group, led by the Chair, focussing on falling rolls in schools.
2. That Members will contact the Policy and Scrutiny Advisor to arrange visits to the St. Charles Hospital or other places of interest discussed.

**9. TERMINATION OF MEETING**

9.1 The meeting ended at 8.55 pm.

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