

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

7th September 2016

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Mrs Farrington (Chairman), Councillor Swann (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Billings and Mrs Patten

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Dunn and Dr Pearson

OS/10 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs Coe (Conservative Group)

OS/11 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM ITEMS ON AGENDA**

The Committee were informed that no declarations of interest from Members of the Council had been received.

OS/12 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

The Committee were informed that no questions from members of the Public had been received.

OS/13 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

The Committee were informed that no questions from Members of the Council had been received.

OS/14 **A REVIEW OF iPad PROVISION FOR ELECTED MEMBERS**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the report and summarised the responses to the consultation that Councillor Billings had coordinated with Members. The Director summarised that the iPads, primarily set up to read Committee papers, were being used by Members mainly for this function. Over the last three years, Members had suggested optimising iPad usage by incorporating the ability to access Microsoft Outlook, specifically, email and calendar as well as synchronising mobile devices with network desktops to avoid duplication of work. Since this report had been published,

the Director had liaised with the IT department and was advised that in order to facilitate the enhancement requests made by Members, there would be additional costs incurred.

A discussion ensued regarding the cost and longevity of upgrading the current iPads with additional software and whether replacement would be more cost effective and futureproof. Members suggested investigating alternative mobile devices in order to incorporate the improvements recommended in the consultation.

Councillor Mrs Patten commended the reliability of the tablet supplied by Derbyshire County Council and offered to provide the Director of Finance and Corporate Services with the model specification.

Councillor Bambrick questioned whether Labour Group members had been consulted during this process. Councillor Billings confirmed he had liaised initially with Councillor Dr Pearson who had advised that Councillor Tilley was the Information Technology (IT) Champion for the Labour Group. Councillor Dr Pearson advised that the Group's responses would likely have been similar to those mentioned already.

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services confirmed that the IT replacement budget could fund new iPads, but these costs would need to be reviewed alongside assessment of purchasing mobile devices that are futureproof. The Director advised that in order for Members to make a more informed decision, an update of costs and alternative mobile devices would be provided at a future Committee.

RESOLVED:-

Members considered the feedback from the consultation on current iPad provision and reviewed the suggested areas for improvement.

OS/15 **DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH PROVISION – Verbal Presentation**

Mark Roberts, General Manager of Derbyshire Community Health Services presented an overview of the Community Nursing Service in the Swadlincote and surrounding area to Members. Members were informed that the Community Nursing teams in Swadlincote are located at Swadlincote Health Centre with three District Nurses (DN) leading three sub-teams of Community Staff Nurses and Health Care Assistants that cover two surgeries each.

It was outlined that the Community Nursing provision runs until 6.15pm daily and that outside of these hours, an evening and night service is provided by Derbyshire Health United. Detailed information was provided on the numbers

of nurses providing health care during the week and weekends and the additional support provided by South Derbyshire Single Point of Access (SPA) team for crisis intervention and End of Life (EoL) care was also noted. Members were informed that the SPA service works closely with District Nurses and liaises with East Midlands Ambulance Service in order to facilitate care.

A discussion concerning the continuity and level of care in the home followed where Members provided examples of specific incidents. Mark explained that details of any complaint should be sent to the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) and each case would be investigated.

Councillor Dunn raised concern regarding the awards presented for EoL care, in that the wording seemed inappropriate. Members agreed that good work deserves recognition, but suggested the awards could be rephrased and given for excellent care, not EoL care.

Members discussed the recent talks to combine health and social care and the positive and negative implications of this. Members joined the Chairman in thanking Mark Roberts for the informative presentation.

OS/16 **REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) – QUARTERLY REPORT ON USAGE**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the report to Committee.

RESOLVED:-

Members noted the internal report on the Council's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.

OS/17 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2016-17**

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

RESOLVED:-

Members considered and agreed the proposed Committee Work Programme for 2016/17.

OS/18 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

RESOLVED:-

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it would be likely, in view of the nature of

the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.

EXEMPT QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11

The Committee were informed that no exempt questions from Members of the Council had been received.

The Meeting terminated at 6:55 pm.

COUNCILLOR MRS FARRINGTON

CHAIRMAN