

HOUSING & HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2016 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllr. Lowe (Chairman)

Cllr. Parkin (Vice Chairman)

Cllrs. Mrs. Bosley, Eyre, Halford, Horwood, Parkin, Parson, Pearsall and Scott

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Dr. Canet and Dyball.

29. Minutes

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

30. Declarations of Interest

No additional declarations of interest were made.

31. Actions from Previous Meetings

There were none.

32. Update from Portfolio Holder

The Portfolio Holder's update was noted. The Portfolio Holder further advised that the Department of Work and Pension (DWP) were interested in the pocket HERO scheme and Cllr. Pearsall and HERO Officer, Mike Williams would be attending a meeting with them in December.

33. Referrals from Cabinet or the Audit Committee

There were none.

34. Out-of-hospital care system

The Chief Officer Communities & Business presented the report which updated Members on the work of officers to develop hospital discharge services to support people to return home from hospital faster by improving their home environment and lifestyle.

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Members commended the initiative. The Chairman advised that the Council was the first in the country to do this and the Municipal Journal was therefore interested in covering it as a feature.

The Chief Officer Communities & Business advised that they did not want to over commit resources and wanted to concentrate on the current programme before looking to talk or commence anything with Dartford and Gravesham Clinical Commissioning Group. The Chairman advised that it was also linked to the health integration deal and once this was in place it would be easier to replicate with Dartford & Gravesham.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

35. How planning policy fits in with health (brainstorming)

Members received a [presentation](#) from the Strategic Planning Manager to facilitate their brainstorming session to consider how planning policy fits in with health. The Housing Policy Manager reported that the consultation on the recently commissioned housing study (from the consultants, arc4 ltd) to provide detailed commentary on the housing needs identified in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA 2015), had closed that day. Around 8,600 responses had been received which reflected about 18% which was a good result for this type of survey. Prior to the findings of the study being presented to the Committee in February, there would be a stakeholder information event on Wednesday 11 January from 10am to 12 Noon. A Member requested that consideration be given to an evening event for those that could not make a daytime one.

Action 1: That the Housing Policy Manager explore the possibility of an evening stakeholder event.

In response to a question he advised that prefabricated buildings were currently being discussed with an almshouse charity as part of a wider complex.

Following the information provided, Members shared their thoughts. Brief notes of the brainstorming session are listed below.

| Idea | Take forward by (who) | Take forward by (when) |
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| Ways to protect the number of 2/3 bed houses and restrict extensions | Not possible unless have a buy back clause or a housing association owns a small part | |
| Planning policy provision to maintain safe paths and greens | Planning Policy | Local Plan timescale |

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| Neighbourhood plans to meet local needs | Planning Policy | As Neighbourhood Plans come forward |
| Provision for cars - they enable people to get out and about, particularly older or people with particular needs and plan for an increase in vehicles over 20 years. A necessity in older age and for people with disabilities | Planning Policy | Local Plan timescale |
| Can we target mental health activities to people in their local areas. Mental Health crisis cafes to help people before they deteriorate. Work with local mental health organisations - perhaps use CIL budget. Like a dementia café but for mental health | Communities & Business team | As part of the devolution 10 point check list - audit of local areas around GP surgeries |
| Policies to make future roads wide enough to take cars so that people don't park on green spaces and pavements | Planning Policy | As part of the Local Plan |
| Air Quality. Problem with pollution on Christchurch ward. Has it been identified as an air quality monitoring site? | Environmental Health | Check that this is part of the Air Quality Monitoring Plan |
| GP provision - how do we know if the provision is sufficient to meet local needs. CCGs need to identify needs in advance | Planning policy and CCGs | For Infrastructure plan timescale |
| How do we provide for schools where there is population growth? Need discussions about the scale of new development. Approach KCC to ensure that they are correctly forecasting school places need for the district - and that the supply is in the District rather than outside. | Planning Policy and Local Strategic Partnership - and Local Children's Partnership | Immediately |

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| Also need to plan for the demographic needs of people who may move to the district from outside and then want to start a family - pressure on schools and other services | Housing Policy | Gavin to mention to consultants straight away |
| KCC already predicting a £38m deficit in education provision for growth in Swanley. Also concerns about developments at Fort Halstead. Statutory duty to provide. | KCC with Planning Policy | |
| Need to get into discussions with KCC and CCGs next year when we have a better idea of the housing growth and where it will be | Planning Policy | Early 2017 |
| BREEAM and housing standards | Planning Policy | |
| Broadband provision in new homes. Can we make it a planning requirement to have fibre to the premises. We would need to develop an evidence base that would support a new policy. | Economic Development and Planning Policy | As part of the Local Plan timescale |
| Can developers also be required to provide main utilities rather than have to rely on eg private water supply | Planning Policy | |
| Domestic Abuse one stop shops | Community Safety team | |
| Taking dementia friendly forward. West Kingsdown hoping to be the first village. | Cllr Mrs Bosley | Spring 2017 |

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| Can the Council's trading company buy or build affordable homes. | Quercus 7 | |
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36. To note minutes of the Health Liaison Board

The Chairman of the Health Liaison Board presented the minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2016 highlighting some of the discussion. The minutes were noted.

37. Work Plan

The work plan was noted.

THE MEETING WAS CONCLUDED AT 8.50 PM

CHAIRMAN