



Leicester
City Council

Extract

Minutes of the Meeting of the
HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Held: TUESDAY, 25 JANUARY 2022 at 5:30 pm

P R E S E N T:

Councillor Kitterick (Chair)

Councillor Aldred, Councillor March, Councillor Pantling, Councillor Dr Sangster,
Councillor Whittle

In Attendance:

Councillor Dempster, Assistant City Mayor for Health

53. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Fonseca.

54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

65. DRAFT REVENUE FUND BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME - 2022/23

The Deputy Director of Finance submitted a report setting out the City Mayor's proposed budget for 2022/23. The Commission was recommended to consider and comment on the Health and Wellbeing element of the report. The Commission's comments would be forwarded to the Overview Select Committee as part of its consideration of the report before presentation to the meeting of Council on 23rd February 2022.

The Chair went directly to Members' questions.

In response to questions put by Commission Members about the £200k reduction in the budget for the Healthy Child Program, it was noted that the reduction had been agreed in previous years to take place in 2022/23. It was a general reduction in the contract price so in theory there would be no change in available services.

It was acknowledged that although applications for funding for certain schemes were ongoing, there would likely not be additional funding to Public Health Services in the future to help deliver major schemes and that might require the Service to assess its operations and make changes to spend more efficiently. This led to a discussion around the importance of taking a holistic approach to health across the entire public sector, it was agreed that this approach would allow more efficient spending. Health Partners suggested that a presentation could be brought to a future meeting on how work was being done to make Health Service spending more cohesive.

AGREED:

That:

1. The Commission noted the Draft Revenue Fund Budget and Draft Capital Programme for 2022/23.
2. The Commission recommend that a presentation be brought to a future meeting of the Commission on making Health Service spending more cohesive.