



Leicester
City Council

MINUTE EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Held: WEDNESDAY, 20 JANUARY 2021 at 5:30 pm

P R E S E N T:

Councillor Kitterick (Chair)
Councillor Fonseca (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Aldred Councillor Chamund
Councillor March Councillor Sangster
Councillor Westley

In Attendance:

Councillor Dempster, Assistant City Mayor - Health

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. QUESTIONS, REPRESENTATIONS, STATEMENTS OF CASE

There were no Questions, Representations, or Statements of Case.

4. DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET 2021-22

The Chair referred to the Director of Finance's report, which considered the City Mayor's proposed budget for 2021/22 and medium-term projections up to 2024. The Commission was asked to make comment on the public health items relating to its portfolio.

The Assistant City Mayor (Health) commented on key issues within the report, relating to the continued commitment to fund 0-19 services, although this had been put on hold due to recent Covid-19 implications and restrictions. It was expected that consultation would be enhanced to allow the contract concerned to be extended. The further ongoing commitments to mental health services and physical health services would also receive further investment which was welcomed.

In response to questions put by Commission members, it was confirmed that the budget for substance misuse was included in the Adults Services line in the budget. In terms of the public health grant it was reported that not all of the expenditure related to the grant is included in the Health and Wellbeing budget line with some expenditure included in other budget lines. The Chair asked for confirmation that the grant was being treated in line with other external grants and this was confirmed to be the case.

In respect of the support to contraception and sexual health services a reduction in capacity including services offered by General Practitioners had caused a potential for longer-term concern following Covid-19. It was reported that other services had also experienced capacity issues exacerbated by Covid-19 and the situation was being monitored.

In conclusion the Chair referred to the poor quality of food offered in vending machine and food services at the Council's Leisure Centres, commenting that the current arrangements were not suitable.

It was AGREED to:

- 1) Welcome the commitment to the 0-19 service and to welcome the continued funding, with a monitoring report to be submitted at the appropriate time.
- 2) Note that the capacity of the contraception and sexual health services and other services affected of Covid-19 continue to be monitored and a report be submitted in due course, following Covid-19.
- 3) Undertake a review of contracts for vending machines and other food services at the Council's Leisure Centres.