

Minute

Orkney Health and Care Committee

Thursday, 15 November 2018, 14:15.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors Rachael A King, Kevin F Woodbridge, David Dawson, J Harvey Johnston, W Leslie Manson, John T Richards and Stephen Sankey.

Councillors Robin W Crichton and John A R Scott, who had been invited for Item 5.

Clerk

- Hazel Flett, Senior Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Lynda Bradford, Acting Head of Health and Community Care.
- Maureen Firth, Head of Primary Care Services.
- Scott Hunter, Head of Children and Families and Criminal Justice and Chief Social Work Officer.
- Maureen Swannie, Interim Head of Children's Health Services and Service Manager, Children's Services.
- Pat Robinson, Chief Finance Officer.
- Katharine McKerrell, Solicitor.

Observing

- Luke Fraser, Team Leader (Policy and Planning).
- David Hartley, Communications Team Leader.
- Craig Walker, Senior HR Adviser.
- Andrew Hamilton, Performance and Best Value Officer (for Items 1 and 2).

Apologies

- Councillor Stephen G Clackson.
- Councillor James W Stockan.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor Rachael A King.

1. Revenue Expenditure Monitoring

After consideration of a joint report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care and the Head of Finance, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Chief Finance Officer, the Committee:

Noted:

1.1. The revenue financial summary statement in respect of Orkney Health and Care for the period 1 April to 30 September 2018, attached as Annex 1 to the joint report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care and the Head of Finance, indicating an underspend position of £10,200.

1.2. The revenue financial detail by Service Area statement in respect of Orkney Health and Care for the period 1 April to 30 September 2018, attached as Annex 2 to the joint report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care and the Head of Finance.

1.3. The explanations given and actions proposed in respect of significant budget variances, as outlined in the Budget Action Plan, attached as Annex 3 to the joint report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care and the Head of Finance.

2. Performance Monitoring

After consideration of a report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Children and Families and Criminal Justice and Chief Social Work Officer, the Committee:

Noted the performance of Orkney Health and Care for the reporting period 1 April to 30 September 2018, as set out in sections 3 to 5 and Annexes 1 and 2 of the report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care.

3. Corporate Parenting

After consideration of a report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Interim Head of Children's Health Services and Service Manager, Children's Services, the Committee:

Noted:

3.1. Progress in relation to meeting statutory Corporate Parenting duties, as outlined in section 3.4 of the report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care.

3.2. The NHS Orkney Corporate Parenting Plan, attached as Appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care, which contained many actions that fell under the responsibility of services within Orkney Health and Care.

3.3. That, in response to a request from Scottish Government on how health boards and local authorities were meeting their corporate parenting responsibilities, NHS Orkney and the Council had clarified the ambition to have one overarching plan for Orkney.

3.4. The proposal to establish a Corporate Parenting Board, comprising elected members and senior officers from across the community planning partnership, which would assume responsibility for the following:

- Ensuring scrutiny of performance in matters affecting looked after children and care leavers.
- Improving outcomes and responding to the views of looked after children and care leavers in matters affecting them.
- Production of an annual report for the Orkney Partnership Board.

The Committee resolved to **recommend to the Council:**

3.5. That establishment of a Corporate Parenting Board, reporting through the Orkney Partnership, be supported.

4. Extraordinary Packages of Care

After consideration of a report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Children and Families and Criminal Justice and Chief Social Work Officer, the Committee:

Noted:

4.1. That, on 27 September 2018, the Monitoring and Audit Committee considered an internal audit on the governance processes surrounding out of Orkney placements which noted that the processes and procedures in relation to out of Orkney packages of care provided reasonable assurance that they were adequately controlled and managed.

4.2. That, while the audit identified areas of good practice, it also identified governance issues surrounding Extraordinary Packages of Care.

4.3. The proposed governance process and procedure in relation to Extraordinary Packages of Care, attached as Appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care, which had been developed in order to address the audit action point referred to at paragraph 4.2 above.

The Committee resolved to **recommend to the Council:**

4.4. That the governance process and procedure in relation to Extraordinary Packages of Care, attached as Appendix 1 to this Minute, be approved.

5. Overnight Community Support Services

After consideration of a report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Acting Head of Health and Community Care, the Committee:

Noted:

5.1. The health, social work and social care services currently available overnight on mainland Orkney that supported individuals in their own homes, as detailed in section 4 of the report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care.

5.2. That the support services were available to an individual following a community care assessment.

6. Conclusion of Meeting

At 15:30 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: R A King.