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HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES AND OLDER PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

12 NOVEMBER 2014

(19.15 - 19.45)

PRESENT Councillors Councillor Peter McCabe (in the Chair),
Councillor Brian Lewis-Lavender, Councillor Pauline Cowper,
Councillor Mary Curtin, Councillor Brenda Fraser,
Councillor Sally Kenny and Councillor Abdul Latif

Caroline Holland (Director of Corporate Services) and Andy Ottaway-Searle, Head of Direct Provision. Stella Akintan, Scrutiny Officer.

1 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST (Agenda Item 1)

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda Item 2)

There were no apologies for absence

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 22 OCTOBER (Agenda Item 3)

Councillor Sally Kenny said that she had given her apologies for the last meeting which needs to be recorded in the minutes

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES ON THE 22 OCTOBER (Agenda Item 4)

There were no matter arising from the minutes

5 END OF LIFE CARE (Agenda Item 5)

The Assistant Director of Commissioning and Planning gave an overview of the report. A panel member asked how closely the End of Life Care Team works with the council. It was reported that they work with the council through the Better Care Fund.

A panel member said that 'A Good Death' is a poor choice of words and should be replaced with 'A peaceful death'. The Assistant Director of Commissioning and Planning said she will take the feedback on board.

A panel member asked what will happen if a patient is not able to communicate where they would like to die. The Commissioning and Service Improvement Manager said 'co-ordinate my care' helps with advance care planning. Alternatively we can use families, friends, carers or advocacy services.

A panel member asked if the service has the budget to implement the plans to allow people to die at home should they wish to? The Commissioning and Service Improvement Manager said that there are a complex range of factors involved and these have been considered as part of the strategy.

A panel member asked how closely we look at best practice from elsewhere. It was reported that learning is taken from across South West London as well as nationally.

6 BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE 2015-2019 (Agenda Item 6)

The Director of Corporate Services gave an overview of the business plan report.

A panel member expressed concern that further savings in Adult Social Care were included in the 10th November Cabinet meeting which would have a significant impact on day care in the borough particularly at Highpath and All Saints Centres.

The Director of Corporate Services informed the Panel that they would have the opportunity to consider these proposals in detail at the Budget Scrutiny meeting in January, therefore the Panel would have the opportunity to feed in their comments before Cabinet make a final decision.

7 WORK PROGRAMME 2014-15 (Agenda Item 7)

The Panel members noted the work programme