

Decisions of the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Thursday, 25 October 2018

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Decisions

5. REFERRALS TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

On 16 October 2018 Council made the following referral to this Committee:

PERIOD POVERTY

Resolved –

This Council notes:

- Because of Government cuts more than one in four children in the UK are living in poverty (27.1% in 2015-16) and this will rise to almost one in three (31.3%) by 2021-22, according to the Institute for Fiscal Studies.
- Food bank use has risen rapidly in recent years with the Trussell Trust reporting it gave out a record 1.3m food parcels to an estimated 666,000 people in 2017-18, up 13% on the previous year.
- People who are unable to afford food might also be unable to afford other essentials such as sanitary products. Young girls may be particularly vulnerable to the impact as it could lead to them missing school or having to choose between buying food or sanitary protection.
- After being tasked by the Leader to explore how we can address this issue, officers launched a pilot scheme at Britannia House in May this year to take donations of products to be provided through the Storehouse, a local charity that supplies over 30 food banks.

This Council will:

- Carry out more detailed research to identify the causes and extent of the issue, what good practice is already taking place and what more can be done to address the problem most effectively across the district.
- Work with partners such as the Clinical Commissioning Group, schools, the Red Box project and the Storehouse to establish the best ways to tackle the problem.
- **Ask officers to report back to the Health and Social Care Overview**

and Scrutiny Committee before the end of December with their findings and options for scaling up our activity with partners.

- **Call on Government to remove VAT from all sanitary products.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Health and Wellbeing

Resolved –

That, following consultation with the Chair and Deputy Chair of Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and in the view of the fact that the issue is related to poverty rather than health or social care, that the recommendation of Council be referred to Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

ACTION: City Solicitor

6. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE BRADFORD DISTRICT AND CRAVEN INTEGRATED WORKFORCE PROGRAMME (IWP) AND THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INDUSTRIAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (ICE)

Resolved –

- (1) That a report on the Health and Social Care Industrial Centre of Excellence be added to the Committee's Work Programme for 2019/20 and that schools and young people be invited to attend.**
- (2) That officers be encouraged to consider ways in which the Health and Social Care Industrial Centre of Excellence could collaborate with Patient Participation Groups.**
- (3) That officers be commended for the excellent work to date on establishing the Health and Social Care Industrial Centre of Excellence.**

ACTION: Strategic Manager, Employment and Skills

7. ENGAGEMENT WITH CARERS

Resolved –

That officers be thanked for the report.

NO ACTION

8. **RE-COMMISSIONING OF CARERS SERVICES CONTRACT IN BRADFORD DISTRICT AND CRAVEN**

Resolved –

That an update report on the Carers Service and Carers Strategy be submitted to the Committee in 12 months.

ACTION: Strategic Director, Health and Wellbeing

9. **REPORT ON WAYS TO IMPROVE CONSULTATION WITH VULNERABLE GROUPS**

Resolved –

That officers be thanked for the progress made on improving consultations with vulnerable groups since 2016.

NO ACTION

10. **HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19**

Resolved –

That the information contained in Appendix A to Document “T” be noted.

NO ACTION

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