

MEETING OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2017 AT 2.00 PM

ORDER PAPER

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman will make her announcements.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2 – MINUTES (Pages 3 to 18)

MRS RICHARDS will move and MR O'SHEA will second:-

“That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 September 2017, copies of which have been circulated to members, be taken as read, confirmed and signed.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman will invite members who wish to do so to make declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 7(1) (2) &(5)

(A) Question by MR BOULTER

- “1. How many of our Help to Live at Home providers have a CQC rating of Outstanding, how many are rated Good and how many are rated as Require Improvement?
2. How many of our Help to Live at Home service users receive a service from a provider with a CQC rating of Outstanding, how many receive service from one that is Good, and how many from one that Requires Improvement?
3. How does this compare to the service we used to offer Leicestershire residents before Help to Live at Home?
4. Is the Council on track to make the £1m a year savings? How much is expected to be saved this year?”

Reply by Mr Blunt

- “1. The County Council currently purchases domiciliary care services from over 50 providers, which are rated as follows;

Outstanding – 0 providers

Good – 41 providers

Require Improvement – 6 providers

Yet to be rated – 6 providers

2. Good - 820 Service users
Requires Improvement – 421 Service users
Yet to be rated – 465 Service users
3. CQC publishes only the current ratings of regulated providers therefore this information is not held by the County Council.
4. The County Council is on track to achieve the £1m saving this year.

The Homecare budget has been reduced by a further £5.6m (from £21.14m to £15.58m) to reflect the emerging trend of Service Users choosing to have a Direct Payment rather than a managed home care service.”

(B) Question by MR OSBORNE

“The current contract with Menphys for Early Support and Inclusion ends at the end of this month. The Budget for 2017 was £213,700. The service is being taken in-house in order for the budget for 2018 of £170,000 to be achieved. Would the Leader advise:-

1. Whether the in-house service will provide the same services to the 420 families who are currently being supported under the present contract? If not, what services will be stopped?
2. Is the provision of early support and coordination for children with complex needs to be in-house?
3. Will the staff currently employed by Menphys be TUPED to LCC and, if so, will it be necessary to have a restructuring of the service, and what would be the costs if that were to happen?
4. What assurances can be given to families who are using the early support service for children with complex needs about continuity of service since the contract with Menphys finishes at the end of the month?
5. Will there be any change in the threshold for families wishing to access the service?”

Reply by Mr Ould

“Before answering the five specific questions I need to point out to Mr Osborne that the total funding from the original contract with Menphys to provide the service to children and families with SEND - £213,700 – has not been reduced. The revised specification was for £170,000 as some aspects had already been brought in house along with the funding needed to provide the particular service.

1. Menphys have informed the Department they are currently working with 305 cases. Menphys have identified that 98 of these 305 cases will require ongoing support and the others (207) can be closed.

Of these 98 at least 40 will be taken on by health services. This leaves a maximum of 56 cases to be taken on by the County Council's in house service.

The services delivered by Menphys under the current contract will be continued under the new in house arrangements.

2. Early support and coordination for children with complex health needs will be undertaken by the NHS. They already fund a worker who is based at Menphys to undertake the work. County Council will provide case coordination for children with SEND who do not have complex health needs.
3. The staff who are eligible for TUPE will move across to be employed by the County Council. It will not be necessary to have a restructure of the service as a result of this.
4. Menphys are talking with families about their need for ongoing support. If they need this and want it, then the case will transfer over to the County Council, who will write to families to explain this. For children with complex health needs, the health worker who is based at Menphys will continue to undertake this work.
5. Families will be able to access information and advice, access to more specialist short break services, and information about universal and targeted play and leisure services through the in house service. For families who need additional support or where needs are not sufficiently clear, an Early Help assessment will be undertaken in order to identify needs and deliver required support through groups or on a one-to-one basis."

(C) Question by MR OSBORNE

"Could the Leader indicate:-

- (a) How many children in the County have autism stated on their EHCP?
- (b) How many of those children are in mainstream education but have high needs?
- (c) How many children are in outside provision, i.e. not in mainstream nor a county special school?
- (d) What is the average cost of buying in outside provision per pupil?"

Reply by Mr Ould

- "a) 628
- b) 280
- c) 150
- d) £64,734"

TO DISPOSE OF BUSINESS FROM THE LAST MEETING

AGENDA ITEM NO. 5
REPORT OF THE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

(Pages 19 to 24)

Principal Speakers:-
Chairman (Mr N J Rushton)
Deputy Chairman (Mr J B Rhodes)
Liberal Democrat Spokesman (Mr S J Galton)

(A) Review of Standing Orders (Meeting Procedure Rules)

MR RUSHTON will move and MR GALTON will second:-

“That the changes to Standing Orders (the Meeting Procedure Rules), as set out in Appendix 1 to the report of the Constitution Committee, be approved.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6 – TO RECEIVE POSITION STATEMENTS
FROM MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

GENERAL POSITION STATEMENTS

(Note: Standing Order 8 provides as follows:-

- (a) A position statement may give rise to an informal discussion by the Council.
- (b) At the conclusion of the discussion a formal motion may be moved to the effect that a particular issue relevant to the statement be referred to the Cabinet, the Commission, a Board or a Committee for consideration. This shall be moved and seconded formally and put without discussion. No other motion or amendment may be moved.
- (c) The discussion of any position statement shall not exceed 20 minutes but the Chairman may permit an extension to this period.)

LEADER

- (i) The Leader will make his statement.
- (ii) An informal discussion may then take place.

**TO CONSIDER REPORTS OF THE
CABINET, SCRUTINY COMMISSION, SCRUTINY COMMITTEES,
AND OTHER BODIES**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7
REPORT OF THE CABINET**

(Pages 25 to 338)

Principal Speakers:-
Mover of motion (as appropriate)
Leader of the Opposition (Mr S J Galton)

(A) Maplewell Hall School

MR OULD will move and MRS POSNETT will second:-

“That the Council:-

- (a) notes the receipt of a petition containing 11,592 signatures opposing the proposed closure of the residential facility at Maplewell Hall School;
- (b) notes the decision of the Cabinet to proceed with the publication of a Statutory Notice in early January 2018 supported by a statutory proposal as the next step to progress the removal (closure) of the residential provision;
- (c) notes that there will be a four week ‘representation period’, during which further comment on the proposals can be made;
- (d) notes that the Cabinet will receive a further report on 9th March 2018, after the representation period, to enable a final decision to be taken on the implementation or otherwise, of the closure of the residential facilities.”

(B) Strategic Plan and Single Outcomes Framework

MR RUSHTON will move and MR RHODES will second:-

“That the Strategic Plan for 2018 to 2022 set out in Appendix A to this report be approved.”

(C) Annual Delivery Report and Performance Compendium

MR RHODES will move and MR RUSHTON will second:-

“That the Annual Delivery Report and Performance Compendium 2017 be approved.”

(D) Youth Justice Plan

MR OULD will move and MR PENDLETON will second:-

- “(a) That the revised Leicestershire Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2016 – 2019 as set out in the Appendix to this report be approved;
- (b) That the Director of Children and Family Services be authorised to make minor amendments to the Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2016-2019 as are considered necessary to ensure it remains current and conforms to the requirements of the Youth Justice Board.”

(E) Annual Report of the Director of Public Health

MRS POSNETT will move and MR OULD will second:-

“That the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2017 be noted with support.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8
NOTICE OF MOTION

Make Fair Transitional State Pension Arrangements for 1950s Women - Mrs L Broadley

MRS BROADLEY will move and MR MULLANEY will second:-

“That this Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born in the 1950s affected by the changes to the State Pension Age (SPA) and, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the SPA with lack of appropriate notification.

Hundreds of thousands of women had significant pension changes imposed on them; first by the Pensions Act of 1995 and then again 2011; with little to no personal notification of the changes. Some women received less than two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age. Some women have had no notice at all.

Many women born in the 1950s are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment.

Women born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation that they would be financially secure when reaching 60. It is not the pension age itself that is in dispute - it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same time.

The issue is that the rise in the women's state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected, leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements.

This Council calls upon the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements and compensation for women born in the 1950s affected by the changes to the SPA.”

An amendment will be moved by MR RHODES and seconded by MR SHEPHERD:-

“That this Council notes that:-

- (i) There is general acceptance that all men and women should retire at the same age;
- (ii) The changes in the 2011 Pensions Act, which were brought in by the Coalition Government, were debated at length and a decision made by Parliament, as part of which a concession was made to limit the impact on those most affected, benefiting almost a quarter of a million women and costing £1.1BN in total;
- (iii) Reversing the Pensions Act 2011 would cost over £30BN;
- (iv) Further concessions on this issue would require people of working age, specifically younger people, to bear an even greater share of the cost of the pensions system.”

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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 6TH DECEMBER 2017

POSITION STATEMENT FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

County Councils Network Annual Conference 2017

Marlow in Buckinghamshire was this year's location for the CCN's annual conference.

I chaired a plenary session in my capacity as the CCN's Spokesman on Finance. The panel including the Chief Executive of CIPFA, Rob Whiteman and the President of the Association of Local Authority Treasurers, who gave their thoughts on local government funding and its future sustainability.

I asked Byron Rhodes to update the CCN on progress of *The Leicestershire Funding Model* one year on. This was well received by CCN members who broadly accepted our model is workable, achievable and most importantly, deliverable. I am also grateful to Neil O'Brien MP for all his help and support working with Government ministers, Special Advisors, DCLG and Treasury officials.

Simon Galton CC and Jewel Miah CC were also in attendance and I'm grateful for their support during our plenary session on Finance.

Finally, Leicestershire walked away with a coveted title at this year's CCN Conference - that of CCN Quiz Champions of 2017!

Industrial Strategy

The publication of the Industrial Strategy last week marks a step change in the Government's approach to supporting economic growth. I welcome the overall objective to create an economy that boosts productivity and earning power throughout the UK, and the five foundations or pillars of the strategy which cover innovation, people, infrastructure, the business environment, and places.

Under my leadership the Council will continue to work closely with the Leicestershire and Leicester Economic Partnership (LLEP), Midlands Engine and Midlands Connect, local businesses, the City Mayor, districts, nearby counties and cities, Loughborough University, our FE colleges and others to support the growth of our local economy. As is set out in the Annual Delivery Report and Performance Compendium we already do a very substantial amount to support local economic growth, and our new Strategic Plan in front of you today has a strong economy as its first priority outcome. A strong economy is essential to the health and wellbeing of our residents and also provides the financial foundations for excellent public services, but we must be mindful of the need to strengthen the economy in ways which help strengthen our communities and protect key environmental assets.

One key proposal in the Industrial Strategy is the development of Local Industrial Strategies. I will press for the LLEP and local partners to move quickly to agree a Local industrial Strategy (LIS) which will set out how Leicester and Leicestershire can help deliver the national strategy, but also how we can take advantage of the funding and other opportunities the Industrial Strategy presents to us. We are in a strong position to do this as the LLEP has already drafted a Strategic Economic Plan which I believe provides a solid basis for the new LIS, and we have fantastic sites and initiatives to promote, including at our two Enterprise Zones. We are also making progress in developing a long term strategy for economic and housing growth, through the emerging Strategic Growth Plan.

I do believe, however, that the Government could do more to devolve powers to local areas which will strengthen our ability to deliver economic growth. I welcome the recent comments of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Sajid Javid, which indicated that the Government is developing a devolution framework which may open the way for non-mayoral combined authorities in areas like ours. When that is published it will be timely to revisit our combined authority submission, which has not progressed.

Children's Heart Unit

I was delighted that for once in their recent considerations of our area, NHS England have done the right thing and retained the invaluable service at Glenfield Hospital and the LRI. Our local NHS colleagues will still need to satisfy national standards but last week's announcement was what the splendid campaign to keep the service here deserved.

Preventing Suicide

Suicide is a devastating and tragic event which, though comparatively rare, affects a large number of people each time it occurs, sending ripples through families and communities.

Around three quarters of all suicides occur in men, but rates are rising in women. It remains the biggest killer of men under 50 and the leading cause of death in people aged 15–24. Roughly 60 people per year across Leicestershire die from suicide.

I have recently seen what organisations working together in Peterborough and Cambridgeshire have achieved with their STOP Suicide Campaign. By pledging their organisation to raise awareness of suicide in staff and customers, supporting them in recognising signs in themselves and others and encouraging them to seek support and be honest when discussing their feelings, they have put together a successful, highly visible programme.

Whilst recognising the good work that goes on locally through the Leicestershire Partnership Trust (LPT), Public Health and others, I think there is scope to follow the lead of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. I have asked the Director of Public Health to see what can be done to replicate the approach there and report back/develop it here.

Visit to Leicester by His Grace, the Archbishop of Canterbury

I was privileged to be invited to attend an audience with Dr Justin Welby on his recent visit to the Guildhall in Leicester.

In attendance were the Vice-Lord Lieutenant (Col. Murray Colville), Sir Peter Soulsby, the City Mayor, as well as civic dignitaries from across the County.

The service in Leicester Cathedral was very moving. It was great to see City and County coming together in this way demonstrating that there is more which unites us than divides us.

I would also like to repeat our congratulations to the Lord-Lieutenant, Lady Gretton, who was receiving her DCVO at Buckingham Palace on the day of the Cathedral service.

BBC Radio Leicester and new Leicester Mercury Editor

I would like to extend my congratulations to Jonathan Lampon, who has recently been appointed BBC Radio Leicester's News Editor.

I have invited him and his team to County Hall in the New Year for a business meeting to discuss County Council public relations and communications.

Likewise, I was very pleased to meet Mr George Oliver, the Editor of the Leicester Mercury, who has been in post for a few months now but diaries prevented us meeting.

I met Mr Oliver at County Hall with the Chief Executive to listen to his plans to make the Leicester Mercury a leading player in the digital age.

Digital and social media is revolutionising how people consume their news and the County Council, the BBC and local media are not immune and must respond to this changing environment. Having good working relationships where possible, can only be a good thing.

Carillion Radio/Hermitage FM

I have been very pleased to work closely with Councillor Terri Eynon on the expansion of community radio services for Coalville and surrounding communities. Carillion Wellbeing Radio plays an important role in supporting communities to improve their wellbeing and health so I'm very keen to work with Terri to maximise the impacts of this excellent communication channel. I have been able to visit the station myself and am impressed by what has been achieved by the volunteers and staff that work passionately both at the studios and the café. The recent award by OFCOM of an area-wide broadcasting licence to the station, one of only five community stations awarded such a licence in that round, was fantastic news. The Council's Communities Team has been helping Terri and the station to make connections with key partners, for example the CCGs, GPs and others in the health sector, and to access funding. The Communications Team will be providing advice on programming

in the near future. This is a good example of the Council's Communities Strategy in action and I hope it acts as inspiration for other communities across the county.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING**6TH DECEMBER 2017****ITEM 7 (a) MAPLEWELL SCHOOL****AMENDMENT TO BE MOVED BY MR KAUFMAN AND SECONDED BY MR GALTON**

“That the Cabinet be requested to reconsider its decision to proceed with the proposal to remove (close) the residential facilities at Maplewell Hall School.”

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