

Scrutiny Committee

- Venue: Committee Room
- Date: 24 September 2013
- Present: Councillors J Crawford (Chair), R Price (Vice Chair), L Casling, I Chilvers, M Dyson, M Hobson, D Mackay, J McCartney, and D Peart.
- Also Present: Councillor Crane - Leader of the Council
- Apologies for Absence: None
- Officers Present: Jonathan Lund - Deputy Chief Executive, Mark Steward - Managing Director of Access Selby, Keith Cadman - Lead Officer, Contracts, Fiona Bell - Deputy Chief Operating Officer/Innovation Lead, NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group, Shane Mullen – Senior Public Health Intelligence Specialist, North Yorkshire County Council, Tom Hall - Consultant in Public Health, North Yorkshire County Council and Palbinder Mann - Democratic Services Officer.
- Press: None

10. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

To **APPROVE** the minutes of the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 2 July 2013 to be signed by the Chair.

11. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

12. CHAIR'S ADDRESS TO THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Chair informed the Committee that the Task and Finish Group looking at the waste contract with Enterprise would be meeting on Tuesday 22 October 2013 at 4pm.

The Chair explained that he continued to attend Executive meetings on behalf of the Scrutiny Committee.

The Committee were informed that representatives from Peel Environment Ltd had declined the offer to attend the Scrutiny Committee for a discussion regarding the Kellingley Colliery planning application and they had stated that they had already carried out sufficient consultation.

RESOLVED:

To hold the Task and Finish Group looking into the Waste contract with Enterprise on 22 October 2013 at 4pm.

13. CALL IN

No items were called in.

14. ACCESS SELBY 1ST INTERIM KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATOR PROGRESS REPORT: APRIL 2013 – JUNE 2013

Councillor Mark Crane, Leader of the Council and Mark Steward, Managing Director, Access Selby presented the Access Selby 1st Interim Key Performance Indicator Progress Report.

In response to a question about how the figures for performance in housing repairs were arrived at, the Committee were informed that housing repair staff carried handheld devices which they then handed to the tenant to allow them to respond to a number of questions relating to the standard of service. It was explained that tenants could decline to fill in the questionnaire if they wished.

A query was raised concerning SLA_030 and the £190k of further savings required. The Managing Director, Access Selby stated that this figure was contained in the savings plan however could be difficult to achieve.

A Member of the Committee asked how targets were agreed for performance indicators where they had not previously been set. It was explained that these targets were to be agreed between Access Selby and the Council. The Managing Director, Access Selby stated that an SLA was being created for the base performance figure however data for the base figure had yet to be collected. In response to a query concerning timescales for this SLA, the Managing Director, Access Selby stated that the SLA would be in the savings plan.

The Managing Director, Access Selby answered a question about what had been done externally with regard to income generation by explaining that income generation was not just targeted externally and there were initiatives

such as the Programme for Growth. Business objectives had been steered towards the Better Together Project with North Yorkshire County Council which would be looking to add income or make savings by buying in services from the County Council. The Leader of the Council also added that there was the Spend to Save initiative.

A query was also raised with regard to commerciality. The Managing Director, Access Selby explained that within the public sector, there were restrictions in terms of what could be done with regard to commerciality

RESOLVED:

To receive and note the report.

15. REPROVISION OF A LEISURE CENTRE AT SELBY

Jonathan Lund, Deputy Chief Executive, Selby District Council presented a report which provided the background and set out the latest position on efforts to provide a new leisure centre to replace the fire damaged Abbey Leisure Centre at Scott Road, Selby.

The Deputy Chief Executive explained that the decision to not refurbish but to demolish and rebuild the leisure centre and indicated that refurbishing the fire damaged centre would not have generated a grant from Sport England.

The Committee were informed that a grant of £2,032,500 had been made available by Sport England subject to a formal Lottery Funding Agreement.

The Deputy Chief Executive explained that the next step in the process had been to invite tenders for the design and build construction contract. It was hoped that the selected contractor would be on site by November with a hopeful opening date of early 2015. The Committee were informed that the business case indicated that the new centre could run an operating surplus from 2017.

The Committee were informed of some of the activities organised following the loss of facilities due to the fire. This included events such as a weight loss programme targeting adults with a Body Mass Index of over 25 and a Healthy Active Children Project. The Deputy Chief explained that the programmes had been a great success however to make the programmes more sustainable, discussion was needed with the health authorities over future funding.

A query was raised over the tenders for the leisure village. The Deputy Chief Executive explained that this was a separate project however it was hoped both projects could be aligned in the future.

RESOLVED

i) To receive and note the report.

- ii) **To congratulate all those involved in the project for the work they had undertaken to date.**

16. HEALTH PROVISION IN SELBY

Tom Hall, Consultant in Public Health, North Yorkshire County Council, Fiona Bell, Deputy Chief Operating Officer/Innovation Lead, Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Shane Mullen, Senior Public Health Intelligence Specialist, Public Health and Adult Services were present to discuss health provision in Selby.

Mr Hall referred to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) which was presented to the Committee and explained that this report had been published in 2012 and had formed the basis for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Committee were informed that Selby was a largely rural district with an ageing population. It was stated that the district contained pockets of deprivation including areas such as Selby South and Selby North. Mr Hall explained that health inequalities were a key feature of the population. Other issues included high levels of smoking, drinking and obesity.

A query was raised concerning the work being done to tackle the deprivation in Selby North and South. Mr Hall explained that findings for the area were currently being monitored and a member of the health team would be presenting on the priorities for the areas. The Committee requested further information on the progress of the project.

Ms Bell explained the role of the CCG and how it had to liaise with three other authorities therefore making the JSNA very important. The Committee were informed of an event taking place on 10 October 2013 in Selby to discuss long term conditions affecting people's mental or physical health.

In response to a query concerning binge drinking, Ms Bell explained that consumption Selby had been modelled and indications were that the problem was significantly higher than the national average.

The Committee asked what communication channels had been established between the different CCGs. Ms Bell explained that there was a risk of duplication however it was aimed to complete work in partnership with the CCGs. In response to a further query about how Health and Wellbeing Boards liaised with each other, Ms Bell explained that the CCG sat on all three in the area and links were aimed to be established through geographical areas.

The report of the Director of Public Health was also circulated to the Committee for information.

RESOLVED:

- i) **To receive and note the report.**
- ii) **To request a further update on the work being done to tackle deprivation in Selby North and Selby South.**

17. ACCESS SELBY SERVICE PROVISION – STREET CLEANSING

Keith Cadman, Lead Officer, Contracts presented a report on street cleaning provision in the district.

The Lead Officer, Contracts outlined the different street cleansing services and resources deployed to perform these services. The performance information in the report was also brought to the Committee's attention.

Concern was raised at the littering in Ousegate and it was stated that the parked cars tended to contribute to this problem as they made the streets difficult to clean. A member of the Committee referred to the service in York which stopped cars from parking in the street while cleaning was taking place and it was queried whether this had been considered for Selby. The Lead Officer, Contracts agreed to look into this.

With regard to street cleaning, the Lead Officer, Contracts explained that if cars were parked and the street was unable to be cleaned, then the cleaning vehicle was meant to divert to another street and come back later to clean the obstructed street.

In response to a query concerning monitoring services, the Lead Officer, Contracts explained that the systems for the service provider, Enterprise, were monitored and audited with the performance information also being validated.

Concerns were raised at the recycling boxes and how these could easily move in high winds. It was explained that different options were being looked into for this issue and the plan was to look at the type of receptacles for recycling.

RESOLVED

To receive and note the report.

18. WORK PROGRAMME

The work programme for the Committee was noted.

The meeting closed at 6:43pm