

MINUTES

Meeting: Health Committee
Date: Thursday 12 January 2017
Time: 2.00 pm
Place: Committee Room 5, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Dr Onkar Sahota AM (Chair)
Shaun Bailey AM (Deputy Chair)
Jennette Arnold OBE AM
Andrew Boff AM
Unmesh Desai AM

1 Apologies for Absence and Chair's Announcements (Item 1)

- 1.1 There were no apologies for absence.
- 1.2 The Chair apologised that there was no British Sign Language (BSL) interpretation available for the audience and the viewing public via the webcast. While every effort had been made to secure BSL interpreters for the meeting, and recognising the importance of ensuring that Deaf people's views were reflected in the discussion, having contacted a number of agencies it had proved extremely difficult to secure interpreters who were both available and willing to be broadcast.
- 1.3 It was noted that, when the Committee reports its findings, a BSL accessible summary version would be made available along with the transcript of the discussion at Item 5 (Mental Health and Deaf and Disabled People).

2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)

- 2.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.
- 2.2 During the course of discussion at Item 5 (Mental Health and Disabled and Deaf People), Unmesh Desai AM declared a non-pecuniary interest as he is a London Borough of Newham councillor. This was noted for the purposes of transparency only.

2.3 **Resolved:**

That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.

3 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 **Resolved:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2016 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

4 Summary List of Actions (Item 4)

- 4.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

4.2 **Resolved:**

That the completed and outstanding actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee be noted.

5 Mental Health and Disabled and Deaf People (Item 5)

- 5.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to putting questions on mental health and Deaf and disabled people to the following invited guests:
- Roger Hewitt, General Secretary/Chief Executive Officer, British Society for Mental Health and Deafness;
 - Alessandro Storer, Equality Improvement Manager, Mind;
 - Joan Hutton, representing the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services; and
 - Richard Holmes, Policy and Campaigns Manager, Royal National Institute of Blind People.

- 5.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 5.3 As outlined at paragraph 2.2 above, during the course of discussion, Unmesh Desai AM declared a non-pecuniary interest as a London Borough of Newham councillor. This was noted for the purposes of transparency only.
- 5.4 During the course of the discussion, Members suggested that officers write to all London boroughs to ascertain whether they hold a register of visually-impaired people, and how often the register is updated.
- 5.5 It was also agreed that the Chair write to the Mayor to recommend that he attend the World Congress on Mental Health and Deafness, due to take place in London from 6 to 8 March 2018.
- 5.6 At the end of the discussion, the Chair thanked the guests for their contributions.
- 5.7 **Resolved:**
- (a) That the report, and subsequent discussion, be noted; and**
 - (b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree any output arising from the discussion.**

6 Health Committee Work Programme (Item 6)

- 6.1 The Committee received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.
- 6.2 The Chair informed the Committee that, since the publication of the agenda, he had informally agreed that the meeting on 15 March 2017 be used for a discussion on NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plans, rather than for a discussion on issues relating to mental health support for ex-offenders and people released from prison.
- 6.3 **Resolved:**
- (a) That the proposals for the work programme be agreed;**
 - (b) That the proposal to use the Committee's meeting on 15 March 2017 for a discussion relating to NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plans, be agreed; and**
 - (c) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, to agree the scope and terms of reference for the Committee's review of NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plans.**

7 Date of Next Meeting (Item 7)

7.1 The date of the next meeting of the Committee was confirmed as Wednesday, 15 March 2017 at 10.00 am in the Chamber.

8 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 8)

8.1 There were no items of business that the Chair considered to be urgent.

9 Close of Meeting

9.1 The meeting ended at 4.07 pm.

Chair

Date

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