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Date: Tuesday, 3 August 2021

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Committee:
People Overview Committee

Date: Wednesday, 11 August 2021
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Shrewsbury/Oswestry Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury,
Shropshire, SY2 6ND

You are requested to attend the above meeting. The Agenda is attached

Members of the public will be able to access the live stream of the meeting by clicking on this link:

<http://shropshire.gov.uk/PeopleOverviewCommittee11August2021>

There will be some access to the meeting room for members of the press and public, but this will be very limited in order to comply with Covid-19 regulations. If you wish to attend the meeting please e-mail democracy@shropshire.gov.uk to check that a seat will be available for you.

Tim Collard
Interim Assistant Director – Legal and Democratic Services

Members of the Committee

Peggy Mullock (Chairman)	Nat Green
Claire Wild (Vice Chairman)	Ruth Houghton
Ed Bird	Hilary Luff
Peter Broomhall	Kevin Pardy
David Evans	Kevin Turley

Co-opted Members (Voting):

Carol Morgan	Diocese of Shrewsbury (RC)
Sian Lines	Diocese of Hereford (CE)
Vacancy	Parent Governor – Secondary Schools
Vacancy	Parent Governor – Primary & Special Schools

Co-opted Members (Non-Voting):

Vacancy	Community and Voluntary Sector
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Substitute Members:

Roy Aldcroft
Caroline Bagnall
Roger Evans

Dan Thomas
David Vasmer

Your Committee Officer is:

Tim Ward Committee Officer

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AGENDA

1 Apologies and Substitutions

To receive apologies for absence from Members of the Committee

2 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Members are reminded they must not participate in the discussion or vote on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

3 Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)

The minutes of the meetings held on 3 March 2021 and 20 May 2021 are attached for confirmation.

4 Public Question Time

To receive any public questions or petitions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 14. The deadline for this meeting is 10.00am on Monday 9 August 2021

5 Members' Question Time

To receive any questions of which Members of the Council have given notice.

Deadline for notification: 10.00am on Monday 9 August 2021

6 Response to the Covid 19 Pandemic

To receive updates from Officers on the response of Children's Services to the Covid pandemic

7 Work Programme

To consider the future work programme of the Committee. **(To Follow)**.

Contact: Danial Webb (Tel: 01743 258509)

8 Date of Next Meeting

Members are reminded that the next meeting of the People Overview Committee will be held on Wednesday 29th September 2021 at 10.00am



PEOPLE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2021

10.00 - 11.45 am

Virtual meeting held via Microsoft teams

Responsible Officer: Tim Ward

Email: tim.ward@shropshire.gov.uk Tel: 01743 257713

Present

Shropshire Councillors

Councillors Peggy Mullock (Chairman), Roy Aldcroft, Ruth Houghton, Christian Lea, Elliott Lynch and Kevin Pardy

83 **Apologies and Substitutions**

83.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cecilia Motley and Kevin Turley and from Sian Lines (Hereford Diocese).

83.2 There were no substitutions

84 **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

84.1 There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

84.2 Councillor Ruth Houghton advised the committee that she was a trustee of a charity which provided services for adults with learning difficulties

85 **Minutes**

85.1 **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting of the People Overview Committee held on 10 December 2020 and the 27 January 2021 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman

86 **Public Question Time**

86.1 There were no questions from members of the public

87 **Members' Question Time**

87.1 There were no questions from Members

88 **Young People's Substance Misuse Services**

88.1 Members received the report of the Drug and Alcohol Strategic Commissioner which provided an overview of the work of the Young Peoples Substance Misuse Service and the level of vulnerabilities they work with.

- 88.2 The Drug and Alcohol Strategic Commissioner informed the meeting that the service was provided by “We Are With You” (Formerly Addaction) and that there service provided help to young people up to the age of 18 or 21 where there were other needs. She added that the service primarily was one of prevention as the majority of young people that accessed the service were not dependent on drugs or alcohol.
- 88.3 The Drug and Alcohol Strategic Commissioner advised Members that the number of young people accessing the service had increased which was against national trends but was due to the introduction of the “SMARTER” screening tool in 2017.
- 88.4 The Drug and Alcohol Strategic Commissioner advised that there were currently two work streams being carried out as part of wider strategic planning to prevent problematic drug and alcohol issues –
- work around the “hidden harm” agenda focussed on children and young people who may be affected by parental substance misuse and
 - a review of the drug and alcohol school policy with particular emphasis on safeguarding and exploitation.
- 88.5 A member expressed concern at the growth of heroin use by young people under 18. Members were advised that whilst there were only small numbers of under 18s using heroin there was concern that use increasing and that the situation should be closely monitored.
- 88.6. In response to a question regarding how the service worked with CAMHS, Members were advised that there was a joint working protocol and that each service had leads which liaised closely and that this was unique to Shropshire.
- 88.7 In response to a question regarding whether there was anything local councillors could do to help the service, members were advised that there was a role for councillors and parish councillors to raise awareness and that officer would be happy to give presentations to Parish and Town councils about their work
- 88.8 With regards to a question regarding how the service worked with the Safeguarding Partnership Members were advised that drug & alcohol was a key priority of the Partnership and that the service was involved with both the drug & alcohol working group and exploitation group.
- 88.9 In response to a question regarding the increase in referrals, Members were advised that the increase did not necessarily reflect an increase in the use of drugs and alcohol as the multi-agency work now being carried out was picking up cases that previously had fallen through the net.
- 88.10 The Chair thanked officers for their report and for all the good work that they were doing.

88.11 RESOLVED:

That Committee Members note the contents of the report and the service available to support young people and their families in Shropshire

89 Short Breaks to Provide Respite for All Age Carers

89.1 Members received the report of the Director of Children's Services and the Director of Adult Services which provided an overview of the respite care that Shropshire Council offers, funds and commissions for carers of children, young people and adults.

89.2 Members were advised that there were a number of services available for carers both on a planned and emergency basis.

89.3 In response to a question Members were advised that there were in the region of 90 children that accessed services using direct payments and that often a mixture of provision was accessed, and that within Adult Services approximately 15% of users used direct payments.

89.4 in response to a question regarding the work undertaken with families with older children to signpost them to respite services available as they transition to adult services, Members were advised that transition planning starts at age 14 with the Preparing for Adulthood Team working with the families. Members were informed that there was work ongoing to develop an accreditation process for providers that provide services to both children and adults.

89.5 RESOLVED:

That Members note the report

That a report be brought to a future meeting of the Committee updating them on progress with the service.

90 Exclusion of Press and Public

90.1 RESOLVED:

That according to paragraph 10.2 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules the proceedings of the Committee in relation to the following agenda Items shall not be conducted in public on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by the categories specified against them

91 Exempt Minutes

91.1 RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the meeting of the People Overview Committee held on 30 September 2020 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman

Signed (Chairman)

Date:



PEOPLE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2021 in the The Auditorium - Theatre Severn, Frankwell Quay, Frankwell, Shrewsbury. SY3 8FT

Responsible Officer: Tim Ward
Email: tim.ward@shropshire.gov.uk Tel: 01743 257713

Present

Shropshire Councillors

Councillors Ed Bird, Peter Broomhall, David Evans, Nat Green, Ruth Houghton, Hilary Luff, Peggy Mullock, Kevin Pardy, Kevin Turley and Claire Wild

1 Election of Chairman

1.1 Nominations were received for Councillor Peggy Mullock and Councillor Ruth Houghton

1.2 RESOLVED:

That Councillor Peggy Mullock be elected Chairman of the People Overview Committee for the forthcoming municipal year

2 Apologies

2.1 There were no apologies for absence

3 Appointment of Vice Chairman

3.1 A nomination was received for Councillor Claire Wild

3.2 RESOLVED:

That Councillor Claire Wild be appointed Vice-Chairman of the People Overview Committee for the forthcoming municipal year.

Signed (Chairman)

Date:

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