

CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING
7th November, 2011

Present:- Councillor Wyatt (in the Chair); Councillors Buckley, Burton and Pitchley.

An apology for absence was submitted by Councillor Jack.

K26. MINUTES OF MEETING 10TH OCTOBER, 2011

Resolved:- (1) That the minutes of the meeting held on 10th October, 2011, be approved as a correct record.

(2) That minutes of future meetings of the Tobacco Control Alliance be submitted for information.

K27. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The minutes of the first meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board, held on 21st September, 2011, were noted.

K28. HOME BOARDING LICENCE CONDITIONS

The Director of Housing and Neighbourhood Services submitted a set of licence conditions to be attached to all licences for the Home Boarding of Dogs.

The Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963 required any person who kept a boarding establishment dogs and/or cats to be licensed by the local authority. The Law also applied to people who looked after other people's dogs within their own home which had become a more popular option in recent years.

The current licence conditions adopted in Rotherham by the then Environmental Health Committee on 28th March, 1996 (Minute No. 3648 refers). Condition 3.2 of the licence conditions for home boarding stated "only dogs from the same household may be boarded at any one time. Dogs must not be boarded with any cat unless they normally lived together in the same household". This was intended to protect the safety of the dogs and to protect the licensee from any claim from a dog attack, injury etc.

As home boarding had become increasingly popular, a number of Councils had chosen to relax the condition provided the licensee was able to meet a number of additional requirements/licence conditions. This would allow dogs from more than 1 household to be boarded at the same time. Additional requirements included:-

- Specific written consent of each household showing confirmation that they were content for their dogs to be boarded with others
- A mandatory trial (documented) familiarisation session for all dogs prior to stay
- Separation of dogs from different households in secure areas when left unattended
- Separate feeding of dogs to minimise the likelihood of dispute and aggression

The overall number of dogs to be boarded and the number of dogs from different households to be boarded would be dependent upon the size of the premises and outside areas. Consideration was also given to adequate space for the dogs, sufficient space to be able to keep them separately if so required and the separation of dogs showing signs of disease.

The Local Authority Co-ordinators of Regulatory Services had published a further set of model conditions, set out in Appendix 1, which, if adopted, would be applied to every licence to keep Home Boarding Establishments for dogs.

Resolved:- That the Licence Conditions for the Home Boarding Establishment of Dogs, set out in the report submitted, which would be applied to all licences granted, be approved.

K29. JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Director of Health and Wellbeing, on behalf of the Strategic Commissioning Manager, presented the refreshed Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which had been produced by the Joint Commissioning Team working in collaboration with various key partners in Local Authority, Health and the Voluntary and Community sector.

The design and format of the refreshed JSNA would act as an up-to-date platform to support the development of the Borough-wide strategic needs assessment. It was sufficiently versatile to support ongoing updates and addition of new areas of assessment.

The emerging needs were:-

- Rotherham's ageing population – growing pressure on health, social care, informal care and supported housing
- Growing ethnic diversity which had changed the community and customer profile particularly for Children and Young People's Services
- Growing gap between the most deprived areas of Rotherham and the rest of the Borough
- Maintenance of existing housing stock and major structural repairs required – the poorest housing conditions tended to be in the private sector
- Energy efficiency in housing
- High levels of unemployment and long term sickness
- Lifestyle risk factors – promotion of healthier lifestyles
- Second highest rate of Accident and Emergency admissions in the region
- Above regional and national averages for cancer deaths

- Need for Mental Health Services to work in partnership
- Development of an effective community service which promoted independent, maintained cognitive function and prevented secondary conditions whilst supporting carers
- Reduce health inequalities in terms of mental health related hospital admissions where deprivation and unemployment may be a factor
- Respond to the increasing demand proposed by people living with learning disabilities for longer
- Season flu immunisation
- Essential Uptake of Long Acting Reversible Contraceptives for reducing teenage pregnancy rates
- Develop public and patient engagement so both NHS Rotherham and the Council could maintain a regular dialogue with Service users
- Support for parents of disabled children in making the best possible choices for their child's health and social care needs
- Need to increase the skill base of Rotherham's school leavers

The document was available through the Council and NHS Rotherham internet and intranet sites.

The Director fed into the meeting the comments made by Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care.

Discussion ensued with the following comments made:-

- There was 1 JSNA irrespective of whose website it was on
- No reference to the Health and Wellbeing Board and the new emerging agendas around Children Services and Public Health
- No Elected Member involvement
- It set out the framework and was for the Health and Wellbeing Board to decide the priority areas informed by the National Outcomes Indicators

Resolved:- (1) That the completion of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment refresh programme of work be noted.

(2) That the key conclusions emerging from the assessment of needs be noted.

(3) That an All Member Seminar be held in 2012.

(4) That the document be considered by the GP Clinical Commissioning Group prior to submission to Cabinet.

K30. OCTOBER BRIEFING - SPORT, RECREATION AND PLAY

The October briefing for Sport, Recreation and Play – Leisure and Green Spaces – was submitted for information.

K31. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**Citizens' Advice Bureau**

A representative from the Citizens' Advice Bureau attended the meeting to report on the work the organisation.

Discussion ensued on the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board and how its success would be judged, in part, against how successful it had been in engaging with the public. The CAB could play a role in this work.

The CAB had a wealth of data on its client groups that could be utilised to support the Board in identifying trends. Any advice given to a client was followed up to ascertain if they received a satisfactory service and what impact it had had as well as providing social law advice.

Resolved:- That the CAB submit a report to a future Cabinet Member meeting.

Park Rehabilitation Centre

John Radford, Director of Public Health, reported that, due to the overwhelming support for the ongoing services at the Centre, it had been agreed that the services provided would continue until the end of March, 2012. In the meantime, Rotherham Foundation Trust would review all the therapy services it provided at the hospital with a view to transferring them to the Badsley Moor site and develop it further.

Health Trainers

John Radford, Director of Public Health, reported that temporary funding had been approved for the Health Trainers, Obesity Programme and Health Check Programme until the end of November, 2012, when there should then be more clarity as to the Public Health budget.