

Minute

Orkney Health and Care Committee

Thursday, 14 November 2019, 14:15.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors Rachael A King, Kevin F Woodbridge, David Dawson, J Harvey Johnston, W Leslie Manson, John T Richards, Stephen Sankey and James W Stockan.

Clerk

- Hazel Flett, Senior Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Sally Shaw, Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care.
- Gareth Waterson, Head of Finance.
- Lynda Bradford, Acting Head of Health and Community Care.
- Pat Robinson, Chief Finance Officer.
- Peter Trodden, Solicitor.

Apology

- Councillor Stephen G Clackson.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor Rachael A King.

1. Revenue Expenditure Monitoring

After consideration of a joint report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care and the Head of Finance, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Chief Finance Officer, the Committee:

Noted:

1.1. The revenue financial summary statement in respect of Orkney Health and Care for the period 1 April to 30 September 2019, attached as Annex 1 to the joint report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care and the Head of Finance, indicating an underspend position of £282,800.

1.2. The revenue financial detail by Service Area statement in respect of Orkney Health and Care for the period 1 April to 30 September 2019, attached as Annex 2 to the joint report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care and the Head of Finance.

1.3. The explanations given and actions proposed in respect of significant budget variances, as outlined in the Budget Action Plan, attached as Annex 3 to the joint report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care and the Head of Finance.

2. Performance Monitoring

After consideration of a report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care, copies of which had been circulated, the Committee:

Scrutinised the performance of Orkney Health and Care for the reporting period 1 April to 30 September 2019, as set out in section 4 and Annex 1 of the report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care.

3. Day Care and Telecare Services

Consultation on Charging

After consideration of a report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care, together with Equality Impact Assessments, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Chief Finance Officer, the Committee:

Noted:

3.1. That, on 6 June 2019, the Orkney Health and Care Committee recommended that the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care should undertake a consultation on the proposal to introduce the following charges:

- Day Care – £5 per day.
- Telecare – £3.50 per week.

3.2. That consultation had been undertaken in respect of the proposal to introduce charges for Day Care and Telecare services, as detailed in section 4 of the report by the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care, with the full range of responses attached at Appendix 1.

3.3. That those service users who indicated a wish to cease their Day Care and/or Telecare services due to the introduction of charging would be offered an opportunity for a case review and financial assessment, including income maximisation.

On the motion of Councillor Stephen Sankey, seconded by Councillor W Leslie Manson, the Committee resolved to **recommend to the Council**:

3.4. That consideration of introducing charging for Day Care and Telecare services be deferred, to enable the Chief Officer/Executive Director, Orkney Health and Care to submit, to the next meeting of the Committee, a Strategic Charging Policy for social care services, in line with COSLA guidance and best practice.

4. Conclusion of Meeting

At 15:25 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: R A King.