

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

At a meeting of **DISABILITY OVERSIGHT PANEL** held on **TUESDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 2023** at 5.00 pm in Committee Room 1, Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 1BD

MEMBERS OF THE PANEL PRESENT

Councillors Lorraine Revah (Chair), Kemi Atolagbe (Vice-Chair), Anna Burrage, Lorna Greenwood, Sylvia McNamara and Jenny Mulholland

The minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda for the meeting. They are subject to approval and signature at the next meeting of Disability Oversight Panel and any corrections approved at that meeting will be recorded in those minutes.

MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES

No apologies for absence were received.

2. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF STATUTORY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS, COMPULSORY REGISTERABLE NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND VOLUNTARY REGISTERABLE NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA

No declarations were made.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

4. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS URGENT

There was no such business.

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED –

THAT the Terms of Reference for the Disability Oversight Panel be noted.

6. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

THAT the minutes for the meetings held on 2 November 2021 and 8 March 2022 be agreed.

7. REDUCING STRUCTURAL INEQUALITIES FOR DISABLED AND AUTISTIC PEOPLE THROUGH INCREASED PARTICIPATION - REPORT OF SEPTEMBER CABINET 2022

Consideration was given to the report of the Cabinet Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care.

The report was introduced by the Head of Adults Commissioning before hearing from Camden Disability Action (CDA) and Asperger London Area Group (ALAG); the work the organisations were doing and what grant funding had enabled them to achieve.

Members of the Panel were interested to know, after an Autistic Spectrum Condition diagnosis, how individuals found out about ALAG. Zainab Rahemtulla from ALAG told the panel that the organisation had very good relationships with diagnostic services, either a referral would happen, or information handed out to the individual at the end of the diagnostic process. If someone found it difficult to initiate contact, ALAG would get in touch with them, with their consent. ALAG had built relationships with GPs and primary care networks to deliver training and encourage referrals.

In response to a question around the different challenges and processes for school age young people and adults, Zainab Rahemtulla said that both groups had different needs. There were no transitional services currently, though, ALAG was working with Camden to help capture these needs moving forward.

The Panel asked how the COVID-19 pandemic had impacted the income for CDA and the Greenwood Centre. Colin Brummage, CDA, that the market for services that CDA provided were hit hard during the pandemic. This led to CDA diversifying its offer: hiring out desk space, reducing the organisational footprint in the building and providing a hybrid meeting facility. They were looking at expanding the hybrid capabilities to include a corporate hybrid offer, the logistics of this would be run by people with disabilities.

In response to a question about how the Panel could support the work of these organisations, Colin Brummage said it would be good to meet all Councillors and do some work around what the Greenwood Centre was for. Colin continued that Camden should work to make the Borough and all services inclusive to support people with disabilities being able to participate in society.

The Chair said that work was being carried out to make Camden a disabled friendly borough.

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

8. OUR COMMISSIONED AND DIRECTLY DELIVERED SERVICES IN CAMDEN

Due to the crossover in subject matter, it was agreed that item 8: Our Commissioned and Directly Delivered Services in Camden and item 9: Disability Oversight Panel – Work Programmer for 2022/23 would be considered together.

Consideration was given to the reports of the Head of Corporate Strategy, who, along with the Equalities and Systems Change Lead, introduced the reports.

Members were interested in Equality Impact Assessments (EQIA), what information was included and whether they were meeting the needs of disabled people. The Systems Change Lead said that as part of the EQIA refresh, Camden had gone beyond what was statutorily required. The next piece of work would look at embedding inclusive design principles across the organisation, creating end to end inclusion and accessibility.

Members agreed it would be useful to have a more in depth discussion around EQIAs at a future meeting.

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

9. DISABILITY OVERSIGHT PANEL - WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2022/23

RESOLVED –

THAT the report be noted.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

There was no such business.

The meeting ended at 6.00 pm.

CHAIR

Disability Oversight Panel - Tuesday, 10th January, 2023

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