

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

At a meeting of **DISABILITY OVERSIGHT PANEL** held on **TUESDAY, 18TH FEBRUARY, 2020** at 5.00 pm in The Council Chamber, Crowndale Centre, 218 Eversholt Street, London, NW1 1BD

MEMBERS OF THE PANEL PRESENT

Councillors Roger Robinson (Chair), Simon Pearson, Nazma Rahman and Flick Rea

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. DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS OF PECUNIARY, NON-PECUNIARY AND ANY OTHER INTERESTS IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were no declarations made.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

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

There were no urgent items.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED –

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2019 be approved as a correct record.

5. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lorraine Revah.

6. DISABILITY OVERSIGHT PANEL REVIEW OF 2019/20 AND FORWARD PLAN FOR 2020/21

Consideration was given to the report of Strategy and Change.

In her introduction of the report, the Head of Strategy commented that the report outlined the achievements of the Panel in the past year and gave suggestions to inform the discussion of what the Panel focus on in the next municipal year.

Members felt that the experience of Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) people with disabilities was an important area on which to focus. The Panel discussed that the attitudes and needs of certain BAME groups could be specific and that it was important to ensure all groups within the community had knowledge of the services and support available to them. The Panel agreed that the focus should be on BAME communities and learning disability for the meeting of the Disability Oversight Panel provisionally scheduled for June.

The Head of Strategy agreed to contact the Cabinet Member for Young people and Cohesion to ascertain which services should be involved in a session focused on BAME communities and learning disability.

Action by: The Head of Strategy

Members decided that they would like to have a session around the topic of mental health as a disability. They expressed concern that figures around suicide had not decreased. The Panel thought that the session to take place on a date close to the 10th October 2020, this would then coincide with Mental Health Awareness Week.

Action by: Policy Officer

The Panel commented that it would be good to have frontline staff be made aware of mental health issues.

Members also wanted to add illness as a disability to the list of future topics for the Panel to consider.

Action by: Policy Officer

RESOLVED –

THAT the report and recommendations of future topics for the Panel to consider be noted.

7. DISABILITY OVERSIGHT PANEL REFERRAL TO SCRUTINY

Consideration was given to the report of Strategy and Change. The Head of Strategy, who introduced the report, asked Members whether there were any other areas that they felt should be added to the report.

The Panel spoke of the work they had undertaken around accessibility of leisure for people with disabilities. They felt that access of leisure facilities and green spaces should be included in the report.

Members also wanted employment support for disabled people to be included in the report.

RESOLVED –

- i) THAT the report be noted and;
- ii) THAT the above recommendations made by the Panel are incorporated into the report to scrutiny.

8. COMMISSIONERS' UPDATES AND ACTION TRACKER

RESOLVED –

THAT the Commissioners' updates and Action Tracker be noted.

9. DATES OF MEETINGS FOR THE 2020/21 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Consideration was given to the provisional dates of meetings for the 2020/21 municipal year.

Members asked that the second meeting of the Panel happen on a date close to 10th October 2020 in order to coincide with Mental Health Awareness Week.

Action By: Policy Officer

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, 18th February, 2020

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