

## **THE LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN**

At a meeting of **DISABILITY OVERSIGHT PANEL** held on **WEDNESDAY, 24TH JULY, 2019** 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), Lorraine Revah (Vice-Chair), Simon Pearson and Nazma Rahman

### **MEMBERS OF THE PANEL ABSENT**

Councillor Flick Rea

### **ALSO PRESENT**

Councillor Richard Olszewski

**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**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Flick Rea.

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

No declarations were made.

### **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements were made.

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

There were no such items.

### **5. MINUTES**

Due to an error in printing the minutes of the last meeting were not available in the agenda, because of this it was agreed that agreeing the minutes would be deferred to the next meeting of the Panel.

**RESOVLED**

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the 27 February 2019 be deferred until the next meeting of the Disability Oversight Panel.

**6. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2020/2021 - CONSULTATION ON RECOMMENDED OPTION**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Customer Services.

The Director of Customer Services introduced the report and discussed the proposed scheme including the impact it would have on disabled residents.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the report be noted.

**7. CAMDEN TOWN HALL REFURBISHMENT - DESIGN FOR ACCESSIBILITY**

Consideration was given to the report of the Programme Manager Corporate Accommodation.

In response to questions from members the Programme Manager Corporate Accommodation, Architects and representatives from Lendlease gave the following additional information:

- For the entrance to the Town Hall, ramps would be widened and the automatic doors improved to improve disabled access.
- There would be clear routes to all publically accessible areas, for example the Registrars offices. Toilets on the civic floors would be improved and elevators upgraded.
- There would be more doors for fire escapes in the Camden Centre and refuge spots in the stair wells.
- Work was being done to make the Council Chamber more accessible and disabled friendly, including the lighting of the rooms.
- Specifically contracted acousticians had been consulted with in regard to ceiling tiles, the reason for this was to help reduce sound transference between rooms, something that can have a negative impact on those with certain disabilities.

**RESOLVED**

THAT the report be noted.

**8. EVIDENCE BASE: OUTCOMES AND EXPERIENCES OF BAME DISABLED PEOPLE IN CAMDEN**

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Strategy Corporate Services.

In response to the disparity between the health figures of the Bangladeshi population compared with those of other communities Panel Members asked for information on how other authorities were tackling health inequality, for example the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and their introduction of child feeding practice for certain communities.

**ACTION: Policy Officer**

It was agreed that the issue of health inequality of disabled black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) residents be added to the work programme.

**ACTION: Policy Officer**

**RESOLVED**

THAT the report be noted.

**9. COMMISSIONERS' UPDATES AND ACTION TRACKER**

Consideration was given to the Commissioners' updates and action tracker.

Members noted that there were not commissioner updates from key areas and that the update from the special educational and inclusive intervention services (SEIIS) did not include key priorities and partners.

Members asked a list of outcomes from each engagement session and for the outcomes from the engagement led by the Sport and Physical Activity team to be appended to the action tracker.

**ACTION: Policy Officer**

**RESOLVED**

THAT the report be noted.

**10. FUTURE MEETINGS**

The dates of the future meetings of the Disability Oversight Panel were noted.

The meeting ended at 6.00 pm.

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**MINUTES END**

