



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 25th September 2025

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

30th July 2025 at 4.30pm

Present:

Councillor Lindley (in the Chair)

Councillors Augusta (sub for Wilson), Clough, Crofts, Henderson, Kaczmarek and K. Swinburn.

Officers in attendance:

- Katie Brown (Director of Adult Services)
- Zoe Campbell (Senior Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)
- Diane Lee (Director of Public Health)
- Guy Lonsdale (Interim Section 151 Officer)
- Eve Richardson-Smith (Service Manager – Consultancy, Law and Governance)
- Joanne Robinson (Assistant Director Policy Strategy and Resources)

Also in attendance:

- Councillor Shreeve (Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care)
- Councillor Wilson

There were no members of the press or public present at the meeting.

SPH.1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

It was noted that at the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on 22nd May 2025, Councillor Lindley had been appointed the Chair and Councillor Crofts, the Deputy Chair of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel for the ensuing Municipal Year.

SPH.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received for this meeting from Councillor Freeston and Wilson.

SPH.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received in respect of any item on the agenda for this meeting.

SPH.4 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 19th March 2025 be agreed as an accurate record.

SPH.5 QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public for this panel meeting.

SPH.6 FORWARD PLAN

The panel considered the current Forward Plan and members were asked to identify any items for examination by this Panel via the pre-decision call-in procedure.

A member referred to the report on the Forward Plan that was going to Cabinet on the 20th August 2025 for the procurement of Extra Care Housing. Ms Brown explained that the report was to seek approval for two extra care housing properties and that it would be beneficial to bring an update on the long term strategy, as opposed to the procurement report, to a future meeting of this panel.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Forward Plan be noted.
2. That an update on the Long Term Extra Care Housing Strategy be submitted to a future meeting of this panel.

SPH.7 TRACKING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF SCRUTINY

The panel received a report from the Statutory Scrutiny Officer tracking the recommendations previously made by this scrutiny panel, which was updated for reference at this meeting.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

SPH.8 2024/25 COUNCIL PLAN YEAR END PERFORMANCE AND PROVISIONAL FINANCIAL OUTTURN REPORT

The panel considered the 2024/25 Council Plan Year End Performance and Provisional Financial Outturn Report and asked for reassurance around the adult social care budget taking into account the pressures of an ageing population. Mr Lonsdale reassured the panel that the adult social care budget was in a comfortable and sustainable position at present and explained that the budget may increase year on year due to demographic challenges.

A member queried if there was any request for capital funding. Mr Lonsdale confirmed that there was a report going to Cabinet in August for extra care housing but through a partnership to enable the extra care housing to be developed locally.

Members were also concerned about childhood obesity and queried what interventions and services were in place to reduce this. Ms Lee reassured members that this was a national issue and one of the hardest public health issues to manage due the availability of low-cost convenience foods. She confirmed there needed to be a holistic approach around food at place. In terms of interventions, Ms Lee highlighted that there were healthy food cooking classes, lessons for children to understand the impact of eating ultra processed foods, and education around packaging. She explained that at a more local level there was work going on in schools where obesity rates were high with web-based tools with lesson plans.

Health inequalities featured in members questioning, especially the healthy life expectancy which members felt needed to be lengthened, and requested as part of the work programme to look at the work that was being carried out with partners across North East Lincolnshire to address the gap.

Members referred to the use of artificial intelligence (AI) across health and social care. Ms Lee explained there was more work around AI and the use of the NHS app because it was not being used too its full potential. However, she confirmed that there was huge potential with the app to enable people to link to local services as well as access their medical records.

RESOLVED –

1. That the report be noted.
2. That healthy life expectancy be added to this panel's work programme.

SPH.9 MARMOT TOWN PROPOSAL

The panel considered a report that outlined the Marmot Town principles for implementation that was supported by Cabinet at its meeting on 16th July 2025. The panel welcomed the decision made and they could see the positive benefits this would bring. Members were reassured the Marmot Place outcomes would be reported back through the quarterly finance and performance reports which the panel would have the opportunity throughout the municipal year to monitor.

The panel suggested that a paragraph be added to the Cabinet and Scrutiny report templates around the Marmot principles so that officers would consider the impact when making key decisions.

RESOLVED –

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the Constitution Working Group consider adding a paragraph to the Cabinet and Scrutiny report templates around the Marmot principles.

SPH.10 CARE QUALITY COMMISSION INSPECTION OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE

To panel received an update on the Care Quality Commission Inspection of Adult Social Care which was taking place week commencing 4th August 2025 and it was confirmed that the panel would receive the final report at a future meeting.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

SPH.11 WORK PROGRAMME 2024/25

The panel approved its work programme for the municipal year 2025/2026 with the addition of a joint workshop with the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel to understand the impact of the NHS 10-year plan on the council, residents and partners.

RESOLVED –

1. That the work programme for the municipal year 2025/2026 be approved.
2. That a joint workshop with the Children and Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Panel be arranged to understand the impact of the NHS 10-year plan on the council, residents and partners.

SPH.12 QUESTIONS TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER

There were no questions for the Portfolio Holder for Health and Adult Social Care.

SPH.13 CALLING IN OF DECISIONS

There were no formal requests from Members of this panel to call in decisions taken at recent meetings of Cabinet.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.08 p.m.