



Adults and Safeguarding Committee

23 November 2020

Title	Members' Items in the names of Councillor Paul Edwards and Councillor Anne Clarke
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	All
Urgent	No
Key	No
Status	Public
Enclosures	None
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Summary

The report informs the Committee of Members' Items and requests instructions from the Committee.

Recommendations

1. That the Committee's instructions in relation to the Members' items are requested.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Members of the Committee has requested that the items tabled below are submitted to the Adults and Safeguarding Committee for consideration and determination. The Committee are requested to provide instructions to Officers of the Council as recommended.

<p>Cllr Paul Edwards</p> <p>Tackling mental health during the pandemic</p>	<p>I request that the Committee receives an update on the work outlined at HOSC to improve crisis care pathways for vulnerable adults and older people with mental health needs during the ongoing pandemic; In particular, how health and social care are working together to ensure the widest reach for support services.</p> <p>Report from HOSC on Cllr Moore's item on mental health support: https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/b35530/Mental%20Health%20Crisis%20Care%20briefing%2005th-Oct-2020%2018.00%20Health%20Overview%20and%20Scrutiny%20Committee.pdf?T=9</p>
<p>Cllr Anne Clarke</p> <p>Impact of food poverty on vulnerable adults and older people</p>	<p>I welcome the work and growing partnership between the Council, Barnet Together, the wider Voluntary, Community & Faith Sector and other stakeholders to ensure that people in need have access to food during the ongoing pandemic.</p> <p>I understand that the Council is now funding a foodbank co-ordinator to help with this work, and this is also to be welcomed.</p> <p>I request that the Committee receives a verbal update, and, if necessary, a report on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - details of what funding, and by who, is in place to tackle food poverty in Barnet - details of what this funding covers - how the Council is measuring and monitoring food poverty in the Borough - what assessment has been done of the likely need following Tier 2 restrictions and the current 2nd lock-down given incomes are falling - how many people are being reached, and what assessment has been done about individuals and groups that are not being reached - especially isolated older people living alone, those who usually receive day centre support or who need mental health support - what communications and systems are in place to reach everyone who needs help - given the digital divide that emerged during the first lockdown - what has been put in place to address this in this second lock-down - how people are being connected to groups and support - how social prescribing and health champions are being used to help on this issue

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - could the Council look at opening a hub on the west of the Borough or help with transport costs from the East Barnet hub, and are foodbanks able to deliver food to people - do we have all the necessary PPE for those working and volunteering on food supply
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2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 No recommendations have been made. The Committee are therefore requested to give consideration and provide instruction.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 Not applicable.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 As and when issues raised through a Member's Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan, Barnet 2024 and other relevant policies.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

5.3.1 The Council's Constitution (Members of the Council, Article 2) states that a Member, including appointed substitute Members of a Committee or Sub-Committee will be permitted to have one matter only on an agenda that he/she serves. Members' items must be within the term of reference of the decision making body which will consider the item.

5.4 Social Value

5.4.1 Not applicable.

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 None in the context of this report.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 Members' Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

5.7 **Corporate Parenting**

5.7.1 None identified in the context of this report – any substantive report will consider the implications in detail.

5.8 **Insight**

5.8.1 None.

5.9 **Consultation and Engagement**

5.9.1 None in the context of this report.

6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 None.