

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, 1ST MARCH, 2018, 7.00 - 7.30 pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Charles Wright (Chair), Pippa Connor (Vice-Chair), Kirsten Hearn, Emine Ibrahim and Joanna Christophides

61. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Chair drew attendees' attention to the notice on the agenda regarding filming at meetings.

62. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gallagher, for whom Councillor Christophides was attending as a substitute, and for lateness from Councillor Ibrahim.

63. URGENT BUSINESS

None

64. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Connor mentioned that she was a member of the Royal College of Nursing and that her sister was a GP in Tottenham.

Councillor Hearn mentioned that Osborne Grove Nursing Home was in her ward.

65. SCRUTINY PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS ON OSBORNE GROVE

Councillor Connor introduced the report before Members on the Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel's recent meeting that discussed Osborne Grove Nursing Home, and asked that the Committee approve the Panel's recommendation to Cabinet that the implementation of the decision to close the Home be paused.

The Committee discussed further the concern that current residents may face more than one move as part of the decant from the Home, which would bring additional risks for their wellbeing. The Committee noted that there was not a fixed date for the closure of the home.

The Committee discussed that there had been a decline in the quality of care at the Home over a number of years, and Councillor Connor set out that the panel had heard that standards were improving, albeit it at a time with fewer residents. The Committee also noted the cost associated with the running of the Home.

The Committee heard that there had been suggestions of the Whittington being more involved in Osborne Grove, which could be considered in the options appraisal, though similar proposals had not been implemented when suggested previously.

Councillor Connor further clarified what was meant by the recommendation to pause implementation of the closure of the home – in particular that a pause did not mean new residents would be admitted, but rather that the decant would be halted.

Following a vote, there being four Members in favour of approving the recommendation and one Member opposed, it was

RESOLVED

That the Committee approve the recommendation of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel calling on Cabinet to pause the implementation of the decision to close Osborne Grove Nursing Home, allowing the options appraisal for the provision of nursing care on the site to be taken into account

66. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

CHAIR: Councillor Charles Wright

Signed by Chair

Date