

MINUTES of the meeting of the **ADULT SOCIAL CARE SELECT COMMITTEE** held at 10am on Tuesday 18 January 2011 at County Hall, Kingston upon Thames.

These minutes will be confirmed by the Committee at its next meeting on 23 March 2011.

Members:

- * Mr Chris Pitt (Chairman)
- * Mr Tony Samuels (Vice-Chairman)
- * Mr Victor Agarwal
Mr Jonathan Lord MP
- * Mr Ben Carasco
- * Mr Mel Few
Mrs Liz Bowes
- * Mr Ernest Mallett
- * Mrs Pauline Searle
- * Mr Michael Sydney
- * Mrs Fiona White

Ex-Officio Members:

Mr Geoff Marlow (Chairman of the Council)
Mrs Lavinia Sealy (Vice-Chairman of the Council)

Also in attendance:

- * Mr Michael Gosling (Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care)

* = Present

x = Present for part of the meeting

PART 1
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1/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Liz Bowes and Jonathan Lord MP. No substitutions had been made.

It was noted that Mrs Pauline Searle had now replaced Mrs Caroline Nichols on the Select Committee on a permanent basis.

2/11 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: 23 NOVEMBER 2010 [Item 2]

The minutes were agreed as an accurate reflection of the meeting.

[The Chairman reported the following matters arising from the minutes:

Minute 83/1 - An up-date on the recovery of the outstanding £14,000 had been emailed to Members on 7 January 2011.

Minute 84/10, Dementia and Older People, an up-date will be added to the Work Programme for the next Municipal Year (May 2011).

Minute 85/10 - Older People PVR, this matter had now been referred to the Committee Manager for Change and Efficiency for inclusion on their next agenda.

Minute 87/10 - Supporting People Key Developments, an up-date will be added to the Work Programme for the next Municipal Year (May 2011).

Minute 88/10 – The information presented to the Health Scrutiny Committee on Continuing Health Care had been circulated to all Members of the Committee.]

3/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 3]

None received.

4/11 QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS [Item 4]

None received.

5/11 RESPONSE FROM THE CABINET TO ISSUES REFERRED BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE [Item 5]

There were no responses.

6/11 ADULT SOCIAL CARE DIRECTORATE STRATEGY AND DRAFT BUDGET [Item 6]

Declarations of Interest:

None.

Officers present:

Sarah Mitchell, Director Adult Social Care

Paul Carey-Kent, Senior Finance Manager, Adult Social Care

Key Points Raised During the Discussion

- The Director introduced the draft Strategy to the Committee. The main changes to the document were from page 11 onwards.
- The Committee noted that a 'Relationship Manager' would not be appointed. There would be two Inspectors appointed 'West' and 'East' and there would be other 'Themed Inspectors'.
- The Health and Social Care Bill would be published 24 January 2011. A joint meeting of the Health Committee and the Adult Social Care Select Committee would be held on 17 February in Leatherhead to comment on the Public Health White Paper.
- Missing from the Strategy was 'How to implement localism within the four year plan'. This would need to be added. However, Commissioning Boards would be set up with all parties and Local Committees, Districts and Boroughs would all be involved.
- Budgets would be restructured geographically.
- Page 2 of the report addressed 'local, universal and preventative' delivery of services. It was noted that 'universal' meant everyone having access to services regardless of ability to pay. Local budgets/implementation would look different depending on where resident but the outcomes would be the same.
- GP Consortia were likely to have 'Personalisation Path Finders'.
- The Committee would receive a report on the Social Enterprise Model of delivering Adult Social Care in due course.
- It was noted that some services would not be co-terminous with Borough and District boundaries.
- The NHS legal duty remained un-changed. Surrey's allocation of £10.5M in 2011/12 to help with social care was granted through the PCT so that it did not get top-sliced. It would be spent in accordance with the joint agreement. If un-spent it stayed within the Committee's budget.
- In respect of people presenting homeless requiring services. It was noted that the Association of Directors of Social Services (ADASS) had drafted new protocol. However, if someone presented homeless and vulnerable and a link could not be proved to another local authority/country the County would need to take up the cost.
- The Senior Finance Manager introduced the Financial Strategy 2011 – 2015 with the aid of the attached presentation.
- It was noted that there were total gross pressures of £32.2M.
- The shift from residential to personalised care was not as great as expected.
- The service would be looking to carry forward the under-spend from 2009/2010 to 2011/12.
- In respect of holding contracts at current prices. It was noted that if there was a shortage of providers this might be a problem. However, Surrey was an area of high provision and high cost.
- £1.6M was to be transferred to Children's Services to prevent that service becoming 'at risk'.

- The Committee expressed its disappointment that the Older People's Seminar had not made it clear that their Public Value Review had saved £30M.
- Consideration should be given to refining financial presentations to make them easier to understand.
- There was a high level in confidence about years 1 and 2 of the budget. However, there may need to be substantial revisions in years 3 and 4.
- It was noted that a seminar would be held for all Members on the implications of the Public Health and Social Care Bill.
- There were some concerns about the absorbing of demographic pressures and whether targets were realistic.
- The Committee expressed its disappointment that the budget was not sufficiently detailed for them to scrutinise thoroughly at this time. The budget envelopes would be agreed by the Cabinet (1 February) and Council (8 February) and then reported in detail to the Committee at its March meeting.

Actions/Further Information to be Provided:

Resolved:

- (1) The Committee supports the aim nationally for a more person centred approach to both assessing and delivering Adult Social Care services.**
- (2) The Committee supports the initial proposals set out in the Medium Term Financial Plan. However, as per its duties, the Committee will continue to scrutinise performance against the key priorities set out in the draft Adult Social Care Directorate Strategy 2011/12 – 2014/15 and the Medium Term Financial Plan and will receive timely position up-dates.**
- (3) Agrees to add a report on the Social Enterprise Model for Adult Social Care to its future work plan.**
- (4) The Committee also asks that the Medium Term Financial Plan also sets out outcomes which will reflect the positive outcomes the Plan and Strategy will have on the local Surrey population.**

Select Committee Next Steps:

The Committee would receive detailed budgets at its meeting in March 2011.

Declarations of Interest:

None.

Officers present:

Anne Butler, Assistant Director for Commissioning

Chris Esson, Project Manager Social Care Change Programme

Key Points Raised During the Discussion:

- The officers introduced the report.
- Transfer of Commissioning was scheduled for completion end February 2011.
- Meetings were to be held with NHS Sutton and Merton to address outstanding payments. Members would receive an up-date out-side of the meeting.
- The Committee were satisfied that extensive work had been undertaken to meet the needs of clients as part of the social care change programme.
- The end April 2011 deadline related to identifying proposals for all individuals.
- The number of individuals at Westwinds, Reigate was 6.
- The outstanding issues around Ethel Bailey and Oak Glade NHS campus re-provision were likely to be resolved to everyone's mutual satisfaction. Work was continuing to ensure that the Department of Health Capital grant was secured by 31 March 2011.

Actions/Further Information to be Provided:

- Members to receive an up-date, out-side of the meeting on payments made by NHS Sutton and Merton.

Resolved:

- (1) **The Committee would like to thank the Service for the ongoing work being undertaken to address the principles of Valuing People Now and in working to deliver a more person centred approach to supporting people with Learning Disabilities outside of institutionalised care.**
- (2) **The Committee wished to take an active participatory role in the Learning Disabilities Public Value Review.**
- (3) **That an up-date on the County Accommodation Strategy be submitted to the March 2011 meeting.**

- (4) **That an up-date on all of the Valuing People Now Projects be submitted to the Committee in May 2011.**

Select Committee Next Steps:

The Committee will receive reports as detailed above.

8/11 RECOGNISED, VALUED AND SUPPORTED: NEXT STEPS FOR THE CARER STRATEGY [Item 8]

Declarations of Interest:

None.

Officers/witness present:

Sarah Mitchell, Director Adult Social Care

John Bangs, Carers Strategy and Development Manager

John Bale, Action for Carers.

Key Points Raised During the Discussion:

- The Committee received a comprehensive report on the next steps for the Carers Strategy.
- From October 2010, carers gained new rights under the Equality Act 2010 and would be included in assessments.
- The National Performance Indicator would be dropped for future years.
- The number of care assessments undertaken was not the same as the numbers helped.
- Work was ongoing with Job Centre Plus, The Work Pension and Disability Carers Service and CAB to raise awareness of benefit entitlements. The Epsom Hub would also provide an additional resource.
- John Bale reported that work was ongoing to ensure the 'young carers' were not lost from the process. A report should be available in six months.
- The Young Carers Fun day would be on 23 February 2011.
- Two representatives of Boroughs and Districts were on the Carers Strategy Group.
- There was some discussion about equalities issues. It was suggested that access for the visually impaired be looked at. It was agreed to send members a breakdown of information in different languages with a view to identifying opportunities for better promoting services.
- A new e-learning package was being introduced.
- In response to a question as to whether there was any measure of carers satisfaction. It was noted that the new focus was the

National Performance Framework. A survey would be undertaken in April 2011.

Actions/Further Information to be provided:

Resolved:

- (1) **The Committee thanks the officers and their partner organisations on the work undertaken to date to deliver carer led services in line with the National Carers Strategy.**
- (2) **The Committee agrees to receive a short briefing note, outside of the formal meeting, which details a break-down of carers assessments undertaken and NI 135 and information regarding a breakdown of information in different languages with a view to identifying opportunities for better promoting services.**
- (3) **The Committee will continue to review progress against the objectives set out in the Strategy.**

Select Committee Next Steps:

A further review be added to the Committee's work programme.

9/11 SELF DIRECTED SUPPORT [Item 10]

Declarations of Interest:

None.

Officers/witnesses present:

John Woods, Transformation Adult Social Care
Richard Davy, Surrey Independent Living Council (SILC)

Key Points Raised During the Discussion:

- The report was introduced to the Committee in detail.
- The project timetable had been under constant review and had been extended.
- The training programme would be finished by the end of the financial year.
- Performance would be outside of the National Indicator because of the delays.
- The main barriers to personalisation were securing funding and then matching supply and demand.

Actions/Further Information to be provided:

None.

Resolved:

- (1) The Committee welcomes the up-date on the roll-out of Self Directed Support in Surrey and is pleased to note the view that Surrey is on track to meet Government targets to provide personal budgets for everyone eligible by April 2013.**
- (2) That as the issue of Self Directed Support remains a priority of the Council and its partners it is agreed that this issue remains on the work programme into the next Council.**

Select Committee Next Steps:

None.

11/11 SOCIAL CARE DEBT UP-DATE [Item 9]

Declarations of Interest:

None.

Officer present:

Paul Osborne, Purchase to Pay Group Manager

Key Points Raised During the Discussion:

- The number of clients paying by direct debit had increased from 53.83% to 55.4%.
- Arrangements for the planned workshop were still being finalised.
- Levels of un-secure debt were reducing.

Actions/Further Information to be provided:

The Committee to be forwarded outside of the meeting outcomes as of the end November 2010.

Resolved:

The Committee notes the progress being made and supports further appropriate and innovative process improvement to reduce the level of Social Care Debt.

Select Committee Next Steps:

The Committee will continue to monitor progress during 2011.

12/11 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME AND ACTION TRACKER [Item 11]

Declarations of Interest:

None.

Officers present:

Elaine Bayfield, Democratic Services Officer

Carolyn Ruston, Democratic Services Officer

Actions/Further Information to be provided:

None.

Resolved:

The Forward Work Programme and Action Tracker be received and noted and further up-dated as a result of the Committees deliberations.

13/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [Item 11]

The next meeting of the Committee will be in March 2011 on a date to be confirmed.

There will be a joint meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee and the Adult Social Care Select Committee to consider the consultation questions in the Public Health White Paper on 17 February in Leatherhead.

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[The meeting, which adjourned between 12 and 12.07pm, ended: 1:10pm]

Chairman