

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH CABINET MEMBER MEETING

4.00pm 15 JUNE 2009

COMMITTEE ROOM 3, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor K Norman (Cabinet Member)

Also in attendance: Councillor Taylor (Opposition Spokesperson – Green)

Apologies: Councillor Lepper.

PART ONE

1. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

1(a) Declarations of Interests

1.1 There were none.

1(b) Exclusion of Press and Public

1.2 In accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (“the Act”), the Cabinet Member considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during an item of business on the grounds that it was likely, in view of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present during that item, there would be disclosure to them of confidential information (as defined in section 100A(3) of the Act) or exempt information (as defined in section 100I(I) of the Act).

1.3 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

2.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Adult Social Care & Health Cabinet Member Meetings held on 6 March 2009 & 24 April 2009 be agreed and signed by the Cabinet Member.

3. CABINET MEMBER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Care Manager of the Year Award

- 3.1 The Cabinet Member was pleased to announce that Kim Philpott had received the Registered Care Manager of the Year Award. She had been chosen out of hundreds of recommendations across the country. There would be a mayoral reception for Kim in due course.

Dementia Demonstrator Site

- 3.2 The Cabinet Member reported that the Council had been short listed for a bid for funding to be a dementia demonstration site. Officers would be interviewed on 16 June 2009. The result would be known in a couple of months. The £100,000 funding would help the voluntary sector meet the requirements of the dementia strategy.

4. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

- 9.1 There were none.

5. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

- 10.1 There were none.

6. PERFORMANCE & MONITORING OLDER PEOPLE'S SERVICES OCTOBER 2008 TO MARCH 2009

- 11.1 The Service Improvement Manager Commissioning introduced a report of the Director of Adult Care & Housing which provided governance information on the performance and monitoring of Older People (OP) and Older People Mental Health (OPMH) care homes and home care, for the period 1 October 2008 to 31 March 2009 (for copy see minute book). The report covered both independent sector and council care homes and home care. Services referred to in the report involved a spend of approximately £46,000,000 per annum of which £14,000,000 was funded by client contributions, health and other joint arrangements; over 95% of services were contracted to the independent sector.
- 11.2 Councillor Taylor was pleased to see the recommendations in the report. He asked for information about paragraph 1.6 of appendix 1 – CRILL and care homes, and 3.9.1 Monitoring by the Contracts Unit on page 12 of the agenda. The Service Improvement Manager Commissioning explained that there had been a significant improvement in the period September to March. Information was gathered and risk ranked. An action plan was produced and performance managed to ensure actions highlighted in the care quality report were actioned.
- 11.3 Councillor Taylor asked if the 141 places that were rated as poor in 2008 were subject to monitoring and visits. The Service Improvement Manager confirmed that they were subject to monitoring and visits.
- 11.4 Councillor Taylor referred to an article in the Argus which suggested that the council provided home care for those in substantial or critical need, but not for people in moderate need. He asked if a balancing judgement was made in providing for those in moderate need. The Director of Adult Social Care & Housing explained that a great deal of work was carried out in re-enabling and short term care. The

service was focusing attention on people who had had a crisis and was trying to enable people to get on their feet to avoid long term need. Half of these people would not need any service after the crisis. The Council could not afford to extend the criteria and was looking at cost effectiveness. Meanwhile, an access point was set up last year to provide a service for those now in critical need. Needs were being met in simple ways such as meals and simple equipment.

11.5 **RESOLVED** – Having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendations:

(1) That officers produce and analyse information on performance and monitoring arrangements for Older People and Older People Mental Health care home and home care services throughout the given period. This is to drive up quality through robust and transparent monitoring procedures. It is also to ensure that the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health is kept abreast of key governance arrangements.

(2) That reports be produced on a six monthly basis. The next report will cover the period 31 March 2009 to 30 September 2009.

The meeting concluded at 4.29pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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