

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

4.30pm 4 FEBRUARY 2010

COMMITTEE ROOM 1, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor K Norman (Cabinet Member)

PART ONE

37. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

37(a) Declarations of Interests

37.1 There were none.

37(b) Exclusion of Press and Public

37.2 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(1) of the Act).

37.3 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting. It was agreed that the part 2 report at item 50 was no longer an exempt item.

38. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

38.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Adult Social Care & Health Cabinet Member Meeting held on 19 October and 3 December 2009 be agreed and signed by the Cabinet Member.

39. CABINET MEMBER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Joy Hollister

39.1 The Cabinet Member reported that Joy Hollister, Director of Adult Social Care & Housing would be leaving the council on Thursday 11 February, and would be starting a

new job at the City of London. The Cabinet Member praised the Director for her tireless work for the council over the last two years.

Denise D'Souza

- 39.2 The Cabinet Member reported that Denise D'Souza would become Interim Director of Adult Social Care & Health as from Friday 12 February.

Care Quality Commission

- 39.3 The Cabinet Member reported that the department was going to be inspected by the Care Quality Commission in the first half of the financial year. The inspection would consider safeguarding; outcomes in relation to well being; choice and control; Leadership/commissioning, and use of resources.

40. ITEMS RESERVED FOR DISCUSSION

- 40.1 **RESOLVED** – All items were reserved for discussion.

41. PETITIONS

- 41.1 There were none.

42. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- 42.1 The Cabinet Member reported that one public question had been received.

- 42.2 Mr Barry asked the following question:

“I appreciate that current economic circumstances and the government’s personalisation programme are driving the Council to review its Day Services Agenda paper 48, **Personalisation and Day Services**, considers rationalising services on grounds of economy and of providing a better service through working with health partners For many users the Day Centres provide key services:

- equal access to services city-wide
- trained, experienced staff
- stimulating activities
- reduced social isolation, with important health benefits

May I ask that the proposed consultation brings impartial consideration to the needs of older people, and engages without preconceptions with all viewpoints and options?”

- 42.3 Mr Barry stated that he was attending the meeting in the spirit of supporting older people and in recognition of the fact that the council did a great deal to support old people .

- 42.4 The Cabinet Member gave the following response:

“This paper sets out the challenges that are facing day services at the present time. It is also transparent about the fact that occupancy in some of our centres is low, and that we need to make best use of the valuable resources available to us.

However, the paper emphasises that there are also a number of opportunities open to us, in relation to how we might provide services that will be responsive to the needs of people who require them.

The consultation proposed will describe the issues facing day services in an open transparent way as we want to explore the way in which Adult Social Care can make best use of its staff expertise, valuable buildings and transport.

We also need to make sure that we have the right balance between building based services and services that work with people directly in their communities.

Considerable consultation has taken place recently with service users who attend day centres organised by the council, with most people being very satisfied with the service they are receiving.

At this stage therefore, we intend therefore to concentrate on consulting partner organisations, the voluntary sector, staff and trade unions with a view to exploring the views of services users and carers further when a blueprint for day services has been produced”.

42.5 Mr Barry asked the following supplementary question:

“I hope that the Council seeks to provide the best support for those using Day Services.

I note that proposals in the Day Services paper aim to make the best use of resources, and would offer choice to users through direct payments, the personalisation agenda and working with partners.

The Chief Executive has written recently of the Council: “We must place greater emphasis on what matters to our residents and focus our efforts in meeting their needs and aspirations”. (John Barradell. A Council that the city deserves, Brighton & Hove City Council (2010). P4.)

Will the proposed consultation be guided primarily by the needs of older people, and listen without preconceptions to all viewpoints?”

42.6 The Cabinet Member responded by informing Mr Barry that the council would ensure that the consultation was carried out absolutely correctly and for the proper benefit of all residents in the city.

43. DEPUTATIONS

43.1 There were none.

44. LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS

44.1 There were none.

45. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

45.1 There were none.

46. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

46.1 There were none.

47. PERFORMANCE AND MONITORING OF OLDER PEOPLE'S SERVICES - APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2009

47.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Adult Social Care & Housing on the performance and monitoring of Older People and Older People Mental Health care homes and home care, for the period 1 April to 30 September 2009 (for copy see minute book).

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

(1) That the following be noted:

- The performance of the above mentioned services
- How the quality of these services is monitored and the outcomes of these monitoring arrangements
- Any particular trends in respect to the above mentioned areas

(2) To require a further report that covers the period 1st October 2009 to 31st March 2010 and thereafter on a six monthly basis.

48. PERSONALISATION AND DAY SERVICES

48.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Adult Social Care & Housing which provided information on actions taken following the Value for Money Review of Day Services for Older People. The report outlined issues affecting day services, including work that was being carried forward within Adult Social Care which would impact on demand for more traditional building based day services. The report further outlined opportunities for the development and modernisation of day services through partnership working (for copy see minute book).

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

(1) That the following be noted:

- Low occupancy and under utilisation of staff, buildings and transport in day services
- The Increase in demand for day opportunities that promote citizenship and independence
- Opportunities exist to make best use of staff buildings and transport through developing services in partnership with other organisations

(2) That a full consultation is carried out over a three month period to collect views of partner organisations, staff and unions about the future shape of Day Services and Day Options.

(3) That a further report be received at the end of the consultation period.

49. HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2009/2010

49.1 The Cabinet Member noted the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2009/2010 (for copy see minute book).

50. TENDER FOR INDEPENDENT MENTAL CAPACITY ADVOCACY

50.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Adult Social Care & Housing concerning the re-tendering of the contract for the statutory Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA) Service.

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

(1) To ratify the agreement of the Director of Adult Social Care & Housing after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health to appoint POhWER for a three year contract to provide the Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy service from 1st April 2010, as the current contracts ends on 31st March 2010.

The meeting concluded at 5.11pm

Signed

Chairman

Dated this

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