

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

4.00pm 15 MARCH 2010

COMMITTEE ROOM 1, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor K Norman (Cabinet Member)

PART ONE

51. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

51(a) Declarations of Interests

51.1 There were none.

51(b) Exclusion of Press and Public

51.2 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).

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

52. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

52.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Adult Social Care & Health Cabinet Member Meeting held on 4 February 2010 be agreed and signed by the Cabinet Member.

53. CABINET MEMBER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Denise D'Souza

53.1 The Cabinet Member reported that Denise D'Souza was now officially Acting Director of Adult Social Care & Health.

Care Quality Commission

53.2 The Cabinet Member reported that the CQC would carry out their inspection for three days at the end of May. The outcome would be known at the end of July. The inspectors would like to meet stakeholders and partners.

54. ITEMS RESERVED FOR DISCUSSION

54.1 **RESOLVED** – All items were reserved for discussion.

55. PETITIONS

55.1 There were none.

56. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

56.1 There were none.

57. DEPUTATIONS

57.1 There were none.

58. LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS

58.1 There were none.

59. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

59.1 There were none.

60. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

60.1 There were none.

61. INDEPENDENT & VOLUNTARY SECTOR FEE REPORT 2010/11

61.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Acting Director of Adult Social Care & Health which recommended fee levels for a range of independent and voluntary sector providers who were supplying care services on behalf of Brighton & Hove Council.

61.2 The Contracts Manager reported that the proposal was to hold the fee levels at the 2009/10 rates for 2010/11 for all independent and voluntary sector providers (with the exception of providers who were supplying care services for people with learning disabilities – which was the responsibility of the Cabinet Member for Housing). It was proposed to hold Direct payments at the 2009/10 levels for 2010/11. It was proposed to match the applicable host authority rates for new placements made in Out of City care homes for Older People and Older People Mental Health for 2010/11. These proposals were suggested in light of the above inflation increases made in recent years, the expected low rate of inflation and the general drive for efficiency across the public sector.

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

- (1) That approval is granted for the fee levels of all independent and voluntary sector providers to be held at the 2009/10 rates, except learning disability providers who will be reported on separately.
- (2) That approval is granted for new placements in Out of City care homes Older People and OPMH to be made at the applicable host authority set rate.

62. SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE ADULTS DATA

62.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Acting Director of Adult Social Care & Health which explained that Adult Social Care collected statistical information on the number of safeguarding alerts received and the investigations carried out. From October 2009 the NHS Information Centre for Health and Social Care had requested additional information to be collected by Local Authorities, as part of the development of a national data collection on the abuse of vulnerable adults.

62.2 The Assistant Director, Adult Social Care reported that this was the first quarterly report which set out the activity during October, November and December 2009 for work completed in Adult Social Care Services.

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

- (1) That the trends for this period for safeguarding adults work in Brighton and Hove be noted.
- (2) That this information will be included in the Safeguarding Annual Report for April 2009/2010.

63. VERNON GARDENS SHARED CARE HOUSING - APPROVAL TO TENDER

63.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Acting Director of Adult Social Care & Health which sought approval to go out to tender for the provision of care and support for the residents who would be living in 10 units of Extra Care Housing accommodation in Vernon Gardens, with the aim of the service commencing in August 2010.

63.2 The Contracts Manager reported that staff were working with the potential new residents of Vernon Gardens to enable them to choose and design the services that would be commissioned for them. It had been decided that there would be a night service and a retire and rise service. 25 people had expressed interest in the services and there were 10 places. A selection process was in place to select people for the service.

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

- (1) That approval is given to go out to tender for a 3-year contract for the provision of care and support services for the residents who will be living in the 10 units of accommodation comprising the new Extra Care Housing Scheme for people with Physical Disabilities at Vernon Gardens.

The meeting concluded at 4.15pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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