JOINT COMMISSIONING BOARD

Brighton & Hove City Council Brighton & Hove City Teaching NHS Primary Care Trust

Subject:		Terms of Reference		
Date of Meeting:		16 June 2008		
Report of:		Director of Strategy and Governance		
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Key Decision:	No			
Wards Affected:	All			

FOR GENERAL RELEASE:

1. SUMMARY:

1.1 This report is to inform Members of the delegations to the Joint Commissioning Board.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

(1) To Note the Terms of Reference for the Joint Commissioning Board.

The Joint Commissioning Board

Explanatory Note

The Joint Commissioning Board oversees a partnership between the Council and the health bodies which are responsible for commissioning, providing and overseeing a number of adult health and social care services. The partnership is governed by an Agreement between the Council and Brighton & Hove Primary Care Trust under Section75 of the National Health Service Act 2006, covering the delegation of functions and pooling of budgets for services.

The Joint Commissioning Board is the top decision making body for the partnership, with delegated powers to make decisions concerning the commissioning and provision of services on behalf of the parties to the Section 75 Agreement. It is also the senior forum for the discussion of policy and strategy across the partnership as a whole, and is thus responsible for setting the strategic direction for these services

The functions discharged under the Section 75 arrangements are executive functions.. All the decision-making powers of the Council will

therefore be exercised by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Health (or the Cabinet Member for Housing in relation to Learning Disabilities). Other Members of the Council appointed by the Executive may attend the meeting of the Board and speak but not vote.

Delegated Functions

To exercise the Council's functions under or in connection with the adult social care and health services partnership arrangements made with health bodies pursuant to Section75 of the National Health Service Act 2006, in the manner and to the extent that the arrangements permit the Joint Commissioning Board to exercise the functions.

[Note – fuller details of the governance arrangements relating to the adult social care and health partnership overseen by the Joint Commissioning Board are set out in the Section 75 Agreement.]