

Agenda Item 3

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

JOINT COMMISSIONING BOARD

5.00PM MONDAY 3 MARCH 2008

COMMITTEE ROOM 3 – BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Brighton & Hove City Primary Care Trust representatives:

Julian Lee (Vice-Chairman), John Dearlove, Janice Robinson,

Council representatives:

Councillor K Norman (Chairman); Councillors Meadows, A Norman,
Taylor

Co-opted Members:

Richard Ford, Sussex Partnership Trust

Quintin Barry and John O'Sullivan, South Downs Health NHS Trust.

PART ONE

ACTION

37. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

37A Declarations of Substitutes

37.1 There were no declarations of substitutes.

37B Declarations of Interest

37.2 There were none.

37C Exclusion of Press and Public

37.3 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of

confidential or exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A, Part 5A, Section 100A(4) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

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

38 MINUTES

- 38.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2007 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

39 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

- 39.1 Chairman introduced Joy Hollister (newly appointed Director of Adult Social Care & Housing) to the meeting.
- 39.2 Chairman noted that Quintin Barry was retiring from South Downs Health, he thanked Quintin for his contributions to the Board.
- 39.3 Chairman noted that this would be the final JCB under the current arrangements. In debate with Councillors Meadows and Taylor and replying to queries from the PCT; Chairman explained that Council would be determining the new Executive Arrangements in due course. However he expected that the openness, transparency and political fairness operated in the current system would continue.

40 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- 40.1 There were no public questions.

41 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

- 41.1 The Board considered a joint report of the PCT Director of Finance, Brighton and Hove Primary Care Trust and Director of Finance & Resources, Brighton & Hove City Council that presented financial information and forecast outturn for 2007/08 by provider as at Month (for copy see minute book).
- 41.2 The Board noted that the financial recovery plan for Learning Disability Services was projecting achieved savings of £1.4m although these were currently unachieved estimates of £220k. This was predicted to fall to approximately 45K. The major savings had already been made without significant impact or loss of service. The remaining budgetary concerns were recognised and were being addressed.
- 41.3 The Board noted that a long-term recovery plan had been developed and would be included in the three-year strategy.

**Anne
Silley**

The Head of Financial Services (Environment and City) offered to report to the next meeting on the unachieved / unrealised savings from the Learning Disability budget.

41.4 Chief Executive (South Downs Health NHS Trust) offered to make available information in relation to the underspend on HIV/AIDS.

**John
O'Sullivan**

41.5 The Board noted that it was a welcome, yet uncommon experience to be able to note a balanced budget. It was hoped that this success would be sustained and that balanced budgets could be set in future.

41.4 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the forecast break-even outturn for the pooled budgets for the 2007/08 financial year be noted.

(2) That the forecast outturn variance for a break-even position as at Month 9 on Asylum Seeker accommodation (currently outside of the partnership risk sharing provisions) would fall to the Council to fund.

(3) That progress on setting the budgets for 2008/2009, ensuring baseline contributions for the pooled budgets reflect the outcomes of the ongoing work on activity-based costing at Sussex Partnership Trust.

42 PERFORMANCE/STAR RATING

42.1 The Board considered a joint report of the Interim Director of Adult Social Services and Director of Community Care which advised on the outcomes emerging from Commission for Social Care Inspections (CSCI) review of performance in Adult Social Care for the year 2006 – 07 (for copy see minute book).

42.2 The Board welcomed the sustained star rating and noted the positive reflection on strong partnership working.

42.4 **RESOLVED** - That the outcomes of the recent publication by the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) of the Star Ratings for Councils in relation to social services, the related performance indicators (PAF) and the Record of Performance Assessment received from CSCI, be noted.

43 FAIRER CONTRACTING

43.1 The Board considered a joint report of Interim Director of Adult Social Services and Director of Community Care and Lead Commissioner for Older People PCT which provided a précis of the Project Initiation Document on Fairer Contracting Care Homes for Older People and Older People with Mental Health

Needs to the Joint Commissioning Board (for copy see minute book).

- 43.2 The Service Improvement Manager for Commissioning confirmed that the overall aim of the initiative was to drive up quality by fairer contracting processes that include incentives to care homes that perform well. The timing was right for such an initiative as the market was developing, and there was significant new provision planned across the city.
- 43.3 The Board noted that although demographics appeared to indicate that the 65+ population was in decline, the services provided were generally for the 85+ age range, whose profile was increasing.
- 43.4 Councillor Taylor asked if the contract management challenged on issues of sustainability. Chairman noted that, built into the councils planning regime were requirements for buildings to be as sustainable as possible.
- 43.5 Sussex Partnership Trust welcomed the process, noting the opportunities it afforded to examine quality of services as well as cost.
- 43.5 **RESOLVED** – That Brighton & Hove City Council and the Brighton & Hove Primary Care Trust are authorised to undertake joint work to produce an Options paper to a future Joint Commissioning Board meeting.

44 INDEPENDENT SECTOR CARE HOME AND DOMICILIARY FEE INCREASES 2008/09

- 44.1 The Board considered a joint report of the Interim Director of Adult Social Services and Director of Community Care that detailed the proposed fee increases for the some independent sector provision providing services on behalf of Brighton & Hove City Council: namely; Care homes within the City providing services for older people and older people with mental health needs (OPMH), Care homes providing services in placements out of city for older people and OPMH, Care homes providing services for other categories of care where there are no set rates, Domiciliary care agencies providing services for all categories of care and Direct Payments rates, which enable people to purchase their services direct, usually by employing personal assistants (for copy see minute book).
- 44.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the fee increases detailed within sections 4.1 to 4.10 of the report be noted.

(2) To note that the 3% fee increases, where applicable, include 0.5% uplift in view of the new Working Time (Amendment) Regulations 2007.

(3) That the simplification of the current matrix of Direct Payments Rates into one averaged hourly rate (enhanced for weekends) and the increase of this rate above inflation, be noted.

(4) That the above inflation increase for Direct Payments sleep-in rates with regard to the new national minimum wage requirements be noted.

The meeting concluded at 5.55pm

Signed

Chairman

Dated this

day of

2008

