

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 49

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Annual Performance Assessment for Adult Social Care

Date of Meeting: 07 January 2010

Report of: The Acting Director of Social Care

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1** The national regulator for adult social care, the Care Quality Commission (CQC), produce an Annual Performance Assessment which summarises progress in relation to the 7 outcomes for social care set out in the white paper 'Our Health Our Care Our Say'.
- 1.2** The Annual Assessment provides judgements in relation to each outcome, highlights areas where the council is doing well and where it should focus its improvement activity.
- 1.3** The Council is required to present the Annual Assessment to the relevant executive committee and to produce an Improvement Plan.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) That the Adult Social Care and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee note and comment on the Annual Performance Assessment and related Improvement Plan

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 There have been significant developments in the national performance framework for adult social care over the past year. The CQC are a new regulatory body and the framework for delivering judgements is going through a period of change.
- 3.2 The Annual Performance Assessment, with judgements, is attached in full at Appendix 1. The report covers the year 2008/09.
- 3.3 The report is structured around the 7 national outcomes for adult social care and a judgement is made in relation to each outcome. Appendix 2 summarises the potential judgements and their meaning. The council is then given an overall rating based on the individual judgements against the 7 outcomes.
- 3.4 Brighton & Hove have been judged a Council that is performing well overall. Within this the Council is judged to be performing excellently in relation to 3 outcomes and performing well in relation to 4 outcomes.
- 3.5 In 2007/08 the Council was judged to be performing excellently in relation to 1 outcome and well in relation to the other 6 outcomes. The Council's performance has improved and Scrutiny can be reassured that delivery against all outcomes is in the performing well or excellent rating.
- 3.6 A relatively small number of improvements are identified and this is a reflection of the overall positive nature of the report. An Improvement Plan is attached at Appendix 3.
- 3.7 Staffs across all services are to be commended for continuing to deliver high quality and safe services at a time of major transformation across adult social care.
- 3.8 The report also highlights the strong leadership in place and the positive impact of joint working across the city. Although judgements are no longer made in relation to leadership and use of resources these elements of the report do feed into the Council's Comprehensive Area Assessment.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 None

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The Annual Performance Assessment provides an assessment of use of resources within Adult Social Care and in partnership working. The Annual Performance Assessment contributes to the Comprehensive Area Assessment which will be published later in the year.

Finance Officer consulted: Anne Silley; Date: 24 /11/09

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The legal background to the role and functions of CQC is contained in the body of this report which is for noting only. There are no specific legal or Human Rights Act implications arising directly from the content of this report.

Lawyer Consulted: Sandra O'Brien; Date: 30/11/09

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 These are specifically covered within the Annual Performance Assessment under Outcome 6.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 There are no specific sustainability implications in the Annual Performance Report.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 There are no specific crime and disorder implications in the Annual Performance Report.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 The report provides an opportunity to identify key areas of improvement and respond to these.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 This CQC report is a significant element of the Council's Comprehensive Area Assessment. The outcomes for adult social care can only be delivered on a city wide, partnership basis.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

- 1.

Documents in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Documents:

None