

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION

27 April 2010

Agenda Item 99

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Draft extract from proceedings of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting Held on 14 April 2010

Date of Meeting: 27 April 2010

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Wards Affected: All

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

2.00PM 14 APRIL 2010

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Councillors Peltzer Dunn (Chairman); Allen (Deputy Chairman), Alford, Barnett, Harmer-Strange, Hawkes, Kitcat and Rufus

Co-opted Members: Hazelgrove (Older People's Council) (Non-Voting Co-Optee); Lister (LINK) (Non-Voting Co-Optee)

PART ONE

73 ALCOHOL RELATED HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

- 73.1 This item was introduced by Dr Tom Scanlon, Director of Public Health, Brighton & Hove.
- 73.2 Members discussed this issue with officers from NHS trusts and the council. Members agreed that this was an important issue and one which warranted in-depth investigation via a scrutiny panel. The Director of Public Health and the Chief Executive of NHS Brighton & Hove both supported the formation of such a panel.
- 73.3 Members noted that issues relevant to alcohol related hospital admissions are by no means exclusive to health scrutiny, but potentially cut across many areas of the council's activity (as well as that of city partners). For this reason it was agreed that this issue should be referred to the Overview & Scrutiny Commission (OSC), with the HOSC

advising that the OSC should consider establishing a Select Committee to investigate this issue.

- 73.4 RESOLVED** – That the Overview & Scrutiny Commission should be asked to consider whether to establish a Select Committee of members to investigate the issue of rising alcohol-related hospital admissions in the city.

78 ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO CABINET OR THE RELEVANT CABINET MEMBER MEETING

- 78.1 Members agreed that the meeting minutes in relation to item 73 (alcohol related hospital admissions) should be reported to a future meeting of Cabinet.