

Council

24 March 2011

Agenda Item 90

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Overview and Scrutiny Report: Services for Adults with Autistic Spectrum Conditions

Date of Meeting: 24 March 2011

Report of: Strategic Director, Resources

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The Council's Constitution requires that the findings of Scrutiny Panels, along with the executive response, be reported to Full Council for information.
- 1.2 This report presents to Council the findings of the Scrutiny Panel review into Services for Adults with Autistic Spectrum Conditions (appendix 1) and the Executive response (appendix 2).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That Members note Appendices 1 and 2.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Panel was set up by the Adult Social Care and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee (ASCHOSC) to examine local services for adults with Autistic Spectrum Conditions against national guidelines and policy.
- 3.2 The Panel held six public meetings, at two of which they heard from service users, parents and carers. They also heard from 18 different service users, parents or carers, and received 11 emails. They also heard from 25 people including experts, professionals, voluntary sector organisations and frontline services. Panel members also met individuals, experts and organisations.

- 3.1 The Panel made 15 recommendations, all of which were accepted in principle by the Executive. These can be found in the summary report in Appendix 2.
- 3.2 The full Scrutiny Panel report along with the evidence base is available in Members' rooms and on the Overview and Scrutiny webpages.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken in relation to this report. The Scrutiny Review undertook extensive consultation.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 No specific implications as this report is purely for the Council to note.

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 As indicated in paragraphs 1.1 and 2.1 above, and in accordance with the council's procedure rules on overview and scrutiny, this report is purely for Council to note. There are no further legal implications arising directly from the report.

Lawyer consulted: Oliver Dixon

Date: 10 March 2011

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 No specific implications as this report is purely for the Council to note.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 No specific implications as this report is purely for the Council to note.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 No specific implications as this report is purely for the Council to note.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 No specific implications as this report is purely for the Council to note.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 No specific implications as this report is purely for the Council to note.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Summary of the Services for Adults with Autistic Spectrum Conditions
2. Executive response to the scrutiny recommendations.

Documents in Members' Rooms:

1. Full Scrutiny Panel report and evidence base