

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 13

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: The Sussex Partnership Trust Contract
Date of Meeting: 26 June 2008
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report contains information on possible changes to Council contracts with the Sussex Partnership NHS Trust.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Council has in place joint commissioning arrangements ("section 75 arrangements" as set out in Section 75 of the 2006 National Health Service Act) with Brighton & Hove City teaching Primary Care Trust (PCT) covering a number of services.
- 3.2 The Council also has a Section 75 arrangement with the Sussex Partnership Trust for the provision of some services.
- 3.3 The Sussex Partnership Trust is currently in the process of applying for NHS Foundation Trust status. If, as is anticipated, Foundation Status is granted, this may entail some changes to the current Section 75 arrangements.

- 3.4 In addition, the PCT is currently seeking to revise and formalise its contracting arrangements, which may require the establishment of a more formal agreement with the Sussex Partnership Trust.
- 3.5 There is therefore a need to ensure that agreements between the Council, the PCT and the Sussex Partnership Trust continue to be as robust as possible in the face of changes to the organisation of the Local Health Economy, and that the Council's best interests and those of the Adult Social Care agenda are maintained.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 No consultation was undertaken in preparing this report.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications to this report, although eventual actions in regard to the Housing Green Paper may have major financial implications.

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 No legal advice has been sought for this report.

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 There are no direct equalities implications to this report, eventual actions in regard to the Housing Green Paper should be undertaken with reference to equalities issues.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 There are no direct sustainability implications to this report, although eventual actions in regard to the Housing Green Paper will be undertaken with reference to sustainability issues.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 There are no direct crime & disorder implications to this report, although eventual actions in regard to the Housing Green Paper will be undertaken with reference to crime & disorder issues.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 None in relation to this report

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 There are no direct Corporate/Citywide implications to this report, but future options for the use and maintenance of housing stock are a key part of corporate/Citywide planning.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

There is none.

