

Committee: **Scrutiny Committee for Social Services and Health**

Date: 7 December 2001

Title: Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee for Social Services and Health held at 10.30 am at Pelham House, St Andrews Lane, Lewes, East Sussex

Subject: Minutes

Membership: Chartier Mrs Leigh Lock Mcpherson Webb Whetstone

Chief Officer - David Archibald, Director of Social Services
Lead Officer - Roger Howarth, Education Department
Legal Adviser - Andrew Ogden, Deputy Director of Legal and Community Services
Financial Adviser - Ray Hart, Assistant Director of Social Services

ALSO PRESENT - Councillor Glazier, Lead Cabinet Member for Social Services and Councillor Bagshawe, Lead Cabinet Member for Corporate Resources for item 33.

26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

26.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Garvican.

27. MINUTES

27.1 RESOLVED – to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 6 September 2001.

28. REPORTS

28.1 Reports on the matters dealt with in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

29. NOTIFICATION OF URGENT MATTERS

29.1 The Chairman agreed to take as an urgent item a request by Councillor Lock that all members of the Scrutiny Committee should be able to attend the Chairman's briefing.

29.2 RESOLVED that the request was noted.

30. [BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN : QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT FOR JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2001.](#)

30.1 The Committee noted the monitoring report and members did not wish to raise any matters for comment.

31.1 [REVIEW OF DIRECTLY PROVIDED HOMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE](#)

31.1 The Scrutiny Committee received a presentation from John Windebank, Project Director on the Review of directly provided homes for older people.

31.2 Mr Windebank was able to answer member's questions about the review, but it was agreed that it would be helpful if a list of Council owned homes and their location in East Sussex could be circulated to members of the Committee.

32. [THE FORWARD PLAN : 1 DECEMBER 2001 - 31 MARCH 2002](#)

32.1 The Committee considered the Forward Plan for the period 1 December 2001 to 31 March 2002.

32.2 RESOLVED – that the Director of Social Services would report on winter pressures at the next meeting in March.

33. [RECONCILING POLICY AND RESOURCES](#)

33.1 Councillor Bagshawe, Lead Cabinet member for corporate Resources, informed the Committee about the Government's announcement on the Standard Spending Assessment (SSA) allocation which had been published and briefly indicated some of the possible implications for the County Council's budget. She invited the Scrutiny Committee's views on how the pressure areas outlined in the proformas attached to the report might be mitigated in the light of the SSA settlement.

33.2 The Committee then considered a report by the Director of Social Services and the Director of Corporate Resources.

33.3 RESOLVED – to ask the Cabinet to give careful consideration to the following areas when discussing the budget.

- 1) Community Development Team
- 2) Support to Voluntary Organisations
- 3) Review of Contracts for Mental Health Services and Learning Disability Services.

34. [SCRUTINY OF BUDGETARY CONTROL OF THE COMMUNITY CARE FUND](#)

34.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Social Services. Mr R Hart, Financial Adviser was in attendance to speak to the item.

34.2 RESOLVED – (1) that the Scrutiny Committee note the progress made on researching three budgetary control options for the Community Care Fund; and
(2) agree to consider a further report in February.

35. [PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK FOR 2001/2002](#)

35.1 The Director of Social Services informed the Committee that this report would now be submitted to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee in March 2002