Committee: Scrutiny Committee for Social Services and Health

Date: 12 September 2002

Title: Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee for Social Services and

Health held at 10.00 am at Pelham House, St Andrews Lane,

Lewes, East Sussex

Subject: Minutes

Attending: Garvican Leigh Lock McPherson Webb

Chief Officer - David Archibald, Director of

Social Services

Lead Officer - Bernardine Bacon, Scrutiny Lead

Officer

Legal Adviser - Richard Partridge, Assistant

Director of Legal and Community

Services

ALSO PRESENT - Councillor Glazier, Lead Cabinet

Member for Social Services and

Health

Keith Hinkley, Assistant Director

of Social Services

12. MINUTES

12.1 RESOLVED – to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 20 June 2002 as a correct record.

13. <u>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u>

13.1 Councillors Chartier and Whetstone.

14. REPORTS

14.1 A copy of the report referred to below is included in the minute book.

15. <u>URGENT ITEM</u>

- 15.1 The Chairman advised the Committee that he had requested the Lead Officer to submit a report to the next meeting on 25 October 2002. The aim of the report would be to consider the Joint Review and its effect upon the scrutiny function of this Committee. The Lead Officer would also identify areas which the Committee may wish to scrutinise.
- 15.2 RESOLVED to ask the Lead Officer to submit a report as outlined above to the next meeting on 25 October 2002.

- 16.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Social Services. A paper detailing figures in relation to the Performance Improvement Plan was also tabled by the Director of Social Services prior to the meeting.
- 16.2 The Committee considered the draft Action Plan in detail and noted that the final Action Plan would be submitted to Cabinet on 22 October 2002, following consultation with a wide range of partners. The Committee also noted the timetable for consultation.
- 16.3 Members of the Committee suggested that, for the purposes of consultation, the Action Plan needed to be more accessible and easier to understand by members of the public with little background in social services. The Committee agreed that it would be useful if the Action Plan was signposted to particular points in the Review. The Director of Social Services informed the Committee that the preface would be amended in view of members' comments.
- 16.4 The Committee also noted that in relation to some of the action points it would be useful to check whether there was any feedback from service users. In view of this, the Committee requested that the annual report on complaints should be circulated before the next meeting. The Committee also requested that the Action Plan and Joint Review be circulated to the Corporate Parenting Panel.
- 16.5 RESOLVED to note the consultation timetable. CLICK HERE TO VIEW APPENDIX

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