

## SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Scrutiny Committee for Adult Social Care held at County Hall, Lewes on 23 June 2005

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1. PRESENT - Councillor Mrs Tidy (Chairman)  
Councillors Forster, Gubby, Taylor (Vice-Chairman),  
Tunwell, Webb and Woodall
- Chief Officer: Keith Hinkley, Director of Adult Social Care  
Legal Adviser: Angela Reid, Head of Legal Services  
Scrutiny Lead Officer: Mary Hayler, Scrutiny Lead Officer
- ALSO PRESENT - Councillor Glazier, Lead Cabinet Member for Children's  
and Adult Services  
Councillor Bentley, Lead Cabinet Member for Adult  
Social Care  
Kate Dawson, Head of Mental Health Services (for  
item 6)  
Vicky Lawrence, Development Manager, Quality and  
Change Team (for item 7)  
Samantha Carr, Performance Manager (for item 8)

Before the start of the meeting the Chairman welcomed the Committee and general introductions were made by both Members and officers.

### 2. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

2.1 RESOLVED – to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee for Social Services and Health held on 17 March 2005.

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 Councillor Glazier declared a general personal non prejudicial interest as a Non-Executive Director of Bexhill and Rother Primary Care Trust.

3.2 Councillor Mrs Tidy declared a general personal non prejudicial interest as the parent of a son with disabilities in residential care.

3.3 Councillor Taylor declared a general personal non prejudicial interest as the owner of a residential care home.

3.4 Councillor Webb declared a personal non prejudicial interest in item 6 by virtue of his work for the Mental Health Association.

### 4. REPORTS

4.1 Copies of the reports referred to below are included in the minute book.

### 5. INTRODUCTION TO THE DEPARTMENT

5.1 The Director of Adult Social Care gave a presentation on the work of, and challenges facing, the Adult Social Care Department (a copy is appended to the minutes).

6. OVERVIEW OF THE POLICY STEERS

6.1 Councillor Glazier, Lead Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Councillor Bentley, Lead Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care reported on the Adult Social Care Policy Steers and responded to questions from Members.

7. 47a WESTERN ROAD: REVIEW OF MENTAL HEALTH DAY SERVICE

7.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Adult Social Care.

7.2 Members noted that (a) the Cabinet meeting date referred to in paragraph 2.1 should be 1 February 2005; and (b) the decision on the proposed reprovisioning of 47a Western Road, Lewes would be made by the Lead Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care at his meeting on 18 July 2005 rather than by the full Cabinet as stated in the report. Two petitions had been submitted during the consultation process and would be reported to the Lead Member.

7.3 The Director of Adult Social Care confirmed that, if reprovisioning were agreed by the

Lead Member, the current service would continue until that time. It was important that the timescale for any handover was realistic and properly supported, but not so delayed as to give rise to unnecessary anxieties. The contract would be monitored fairly intensively in its early stages and annually thereafter.

7.4 RESOLVED – to advise the Lead Member that the Scrutiny Committee has given very careful consideration to the proposal and recommends that -

(1) the proposed reprovisioning of the mental health day service at 47a Western Road within the voluntary or independent sector, as set out in the report, be agreed and managed as sympathetically as possible;

(2) the projected £50,000 cost of the service should ensure some improvement to the service so that value for money is achieved both for the clients and County Council; and

(3) the Director of Adult Social Care be requested to report back on progress in six months' time.

8. COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FINANCE GRANT REVIEW: UPDATE ON CONSULTATION PERIOD

8.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Adult Social Care.

8.2 Councillor Tunwell commended to the Committee the recommendations of the cross sector Steering Group which had carried out the review of the Community Partnership Finance and, in particular, the work of Vicky Lawrence who had chaired the Group.

8.3 Members noted that the Steering Group proposals would help to make the grant process more transparent and efficient.

8.4 RESOLVED – to (1) note the current position and the procedures which will be used to administer the scheme for 2006; and

(2) request the Director of Adult Social Care to report back to the Scrutiny Committee in Spring 2006 on the working of the new grants process, that report to include an evaluation of the activities of the organisations in receipt of the grant.

## 9. QUARTER FOUR MONITORING REPORT AGAINST THE 2004-05 COUNCIL PLAN

9.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Performance Management.

9.2 Members noted that paragraph 5.1 of the report should refer to Adult Social Care, rather than Transport and Environment, Scrutiny Committee.

9.3 The Director of Adult Social Care advised the Committee that the figures for quarter 4 in respect of KST 2.1 (Develop a range of flexible and responsive services to support people with physical disability in their own homes and encourage individual choice) had now been received. They indicated that the target had been achieved and therefore the measure now scored green rather than red for quarter 4.

9.4 RESOLVED – to (1) note the achievements during 2004/05 and the end of year monitoring results of both Key Service and Public Service Agreement Targets; and

(2) establish a scrutiny review board, comprising Councillors Taylor, Mrs Tidy and Woodall, to investigate in detail a number of critical BVPIs and/or Department of Health Performance Assessment Framework and report back to the next committee with its findings and recommendations.

## 10. FUTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE PROGRAMME

10.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Performance Management.

10.2 Members noted that the future programme was based very much on suggestions made by the previous Committee and its officers. No scrutiny reviews were proposed for the immediate future pending the appointment of a new Scrutiny Lead Officer, but would be considered at the next meeting in September.

10.3 RESOLVED – to (1) note the Committee's planned programme of work for 2005/2006;

(2) agree that the report on Integrated Community Equipment Service (ICES) be deferred until the November Scrutiny Committee meeting to enable a report back on the first year of the new ICES arrangement;

(3) agree to undertake a tour of Adult Social Care establishments on 4 October 2005, and that invitations be extended to all new Members of the Council.

## 11. FORWARD PLAN

11.1 The Committee considered the Forward Plan for the period 23 June to 30 September 2005.

11.2 RESOLVED – to note the Forward Plan.

12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

12.1 RESOLVED - to note dates of future meetings: 22 September and 25 November 2005.

13.1 THANKS

13.1 Members noted that Mary Hayler, the Scrutiny Lead Officer, was leaving the Scrutiny Team shortly to take up a new position in the Communications Team. On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman thanked Mary for all her help and support to the Committee over the previous year and wished her well in her new job.