

**Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee – 2007/08 programme**

**Agenda Item 12**

<b>1. Standing Items</b>		
<b>Item</b>	<b>Purpose of report</b>	<b>When</b>
Announcements	Update, for information, on any matter of significant public or member concern listed not on the agenda elsewhere.	All meetings
Quarterly Performance Monitoring reports against the Council Plan	<p>These reports provide a summary of the Council's performance for the parts of the Council within the remit of this Committee. The performance measures are reported in the following ways:</p> <p>Amber - where there is concern about the likelihood of the performance measure achieving its target by the end of the year, together with recommendations for action.</p> <p>Red - where the performance measure is assessed as inappropriate or unachievable by the end of the year.</p>	All meetings (except September)
Business Transformation Programme Update	<p>There are four streams within the Programme containing multiple projects focussed on delivering key objectives to enhance services to clients and to ensure that there is efficient and effective back office support. A fifth support stream is looking at system structures across the whole programme</p> <p>These reports provide the committee with an update on the progress of each project stream within the Programme. This enables the committee to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider if projects are on target in terms of timescales and funding</li> <li>• Ask for additional information to be provided in relation to a particular project stream</li> <li>• Raise concerns about progress of a particular project stream</li> </ul>	Regular updates to committee as and when necessary

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Adult Social Care Three Year Plan	The Three Year Plan (2007/08 to 2009/10) sets out a strategic direction for the delivery of Adult Social Care services. It highlights how this relates to local and national policy, addresses the challenges faced across the county and provides a framework within which to engage with partners more effectively.	Considered as part of the reconciling policy and resources process
Reconciling policy and resources	<p>A revised Reconciling Policy and Resources (RPR) process was agreed by Cabinet in August 2006 to include scrutiny at every stage.</p> <p>Opportunity for the committee to consider and feedback comments to Cabinet on the RPR process in terms of policy steers, identified strategic risks, performance issues and financial planning</p>	September and December
Forward Plan	<p>The Council’s Forward Plan is appended to each committee agenda. The purpose of this is to enable members to identify and highlight relevant issues for scrutiny. Options for dealing with items identified include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request a briefing paper to be sent to some or all committee members.</li> <li>• Request an item on a future scrutiny committee agenda to address specific questions raised by committee members.</li> <li>• Suggest that the item or elements of it be considered for a more in-depth scrutiny review.</li> </ul>	All meetings

<b>2. Completed reviews</b>		
Best Value Review of Learning Disabilities	This Review considered four areas of provision in relation to adults with learning disabilities; Person Centred Planning, work and career opportunities, housing support and future need	

	<p>Final report was presented to the Audit &amp; Best Value Scrutiny Committee in March 2006 before being presented to Cabinet and Full Council. The 6 month update on the action plan came before this committee at the November 2006 meeting and the 12 month update to the September 2007 meeting.</p> <p>Further work in this area now being taken forward within the framework of the Joint Learning Disability Commissioning Strategy and the implementation of it three year action plan</p>	
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<p><b>3. Ongoing reviews</b></p>		
<p>Scrutiny review of Preventative Services</p>	<p>The review board considered the impact that the current level of provision of preventative services supporting older people in their own homes is having in preventing or delaying the need for more intensive intervention.</p> <p>Final report from the review board to be presented to September meeting</p>	<p>6 month update – March 2008</p> <p>12 month update – September 2008</p>

<p><b>4. Review Boards - Directly Provided Services</b></p>		
<p>The Scrutiny Committee Reconciling Policy and Resources Board held on 18 December 2006 decided to hold review boards to consider and provide comments on all the recommendations from the reviews of Directly Provided Services prior to them being presented Cabinet remaining reports due in 2007/08:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Services provided to older people at Hookstead and Gilda Crescent (being presented to Cabinet on 16 October)</li> <li>• Group homes for people with learning disabilities (being presented to Cabinet on 16 October)</li> <li>• Services provided to older people at the Morton Centre (being presented to Cabinet in December 2007)</li> <li>• Services provided to older people at Hookstead &amp; St Anthony's (being presented to Cabinet in March 2008)</li> </ul>		

<b>5. Issues for future meetings</b>		
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Purpose of report</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b><i>15 November</i></b>		
Ridgewood Rise	<p>The Committee held a review board meeting on 3 July to consider future commissioning arrangements in relation to Homefield Place, Milton Court, Grangemead and Ridgewood Rise and provide comments to Cabinet on this matter.</p> <p>A further report to the committee was requested in relation to the consultation process on the option of closing Ridgewood Rise and the outcomes of the individual needs assessments of clients. Comments from the committee will be feed into the Cabinet meeting on 20 November 2007 when a final decision on the centre will be made</p>	
Provision for Learning Disability clients	<p>Cabinet decided in January 2007 to close the day centre at Avis Way and provide services for Learning Disability clients at St Nicholas and through the Southdown Housing Association. This matter was called-in by the committee to enable it to consider in more detailed financial information around the closure.</p> <p>Report to the committee outlining whether the changes achieved what they set out to do and the impact that this decision has had on clients</p>	
Audit of Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Service	<p>At the March 2007 meeting the committee considered a report on the proposed audit of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Service</p> <p>Committee requested further report following the audit detailing how the Service will respond to the increased demand for investigation where a vulnerable adult is alleged as having been abused.</p>	Marion Johnson

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<b><i>December</i></b>		
Reconciling policy and resources	Second meeting to consider proposals in relation to the 2008/09 process	
<b><i>March 2008</i></b>		
Directs Payments	<p>A scrutiny review on direct payments was carried out in 2004. A concern of the committee was the take up of direct payments and it requested at the June 2006 meeting that this issue continues to be monitored</p> <p>Opportunity to consult with Direct Payments User Group and older people who have taken up direct payments to provide their home care packages and access the impact this scheme has had for them</p>	
Sickness absence levels	<p>The high sickness levels in the Adult Social Care Department had been a concern in 2006. The committee had a report on this issue to the March 2007 meeting outlining the current initiatives being used to help reduce this and current sickness figures. A further update on sickness levels was emailed to members in July 2007.</p> <p>An additional report assessing how successful the stress management and physical therapy schemes have been over the last year and current sickness level figures was requested by the committee</p>	Emma Marshall