

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

**ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH
SUB-COMMITTEE**

5.00pm 3 NOVEMBER 2003

BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Kielty (Chair); Councillor Meadows (Deputy Chair);
Councillors Meegan, Morgan, Mrs Norman (OS), Older, Pennington, Wells,
Williams and Willows

PART ONE

ACTION

18. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

18A Declarations of Substitutes

18A.1 Councillor Older substituted for Councillor Pidgeon and
Councillor Pennington substituted for Councillor Turton.

18B Declarations of Interest

18B.1 Councillors Older, Pennington and Wells declared a
personal interest in item 23 as they were all members of the
Planning Applications Sub-Committee. They both left the room
during the discussion and decision.

18C Exclusion of Press and Public

18C.1 The Committee considered whether the press and public
should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of
any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature
of the business to be transacted and the nature of the
proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the
press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them
of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section
100A(3) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972.

18C.2 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public not be excluded
from the meeting during consideration of any items.

19. MINUTES

19.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2003 be approved and signed by the Chair.

20. QUARTER 1 BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2003/04

20.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Housing and City Support that presented the 2003/04 quarterly Performance Indicator (PI) results for all indicators relating to the Adult Social Care Sub-Committee (see minute book). These indicators had been taken from the statutory Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI) suite.

20.2 Members received a presentation on each of the performance indicators detailed in the appendix to the report. Some concern was expressed about P1 53 – The number of households receiving intensive home care per 1,000 people aged 65 or over (PAF C28) and P1 58 - % of adults receiving a statement of their needs and how they will meet (PAF 39). A case file audit would be carried out on P1 58 and officers would carefully monitor P1 53. The Sub-Committee would be kept fully informed on the progress of both these indicators.

20.3 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the Performance Indicator results achieved during the first quarter 2003/04 as detailed in the abridged Q1 Best Value Performance Report 2003/04, be noted.

(2) That it be noted that the 2002/03 year end results are being audited by District Audit.

21. ANNUAL REVIEW LETTER

21.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Housing and City Support detailing the outcome of the Annual Review Meeting with the Social Services Inspectorate (SSI) (see minute book). The outcome of the meeting was a formal letter from the SSI reviewing performance, attached as appendix 1 to the report.

21.2 The Director of Housing and City Support stressed that the annual review had been a very positive result for Adult Social Care and Health, although there was room for improvement in certain areas. In particular, the overspend in the Section 31 Partnership, Learning Disability Services. The council would be informed of the star rating in relation to its social services function on 10 November 2003.

21.3 Members agreed that excellent work had been carried out in providing services but stressed the need to monitor the financial recovery plan.

21.4 **RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

22. MONTH 4 BUDGET FORECAST

22.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Chief Finance Officer detailing the forecast for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Budgets which had previously been reported to Policy & Resources Committee (see minute book).

22.2 The Director of Housing and City Support reported that the issue to note was the £928,000 variance for the Adult Social Care and Health Division. The financial recovery plan was still in place and it was hopeful that the overall performance would improve throughout the rest of the financial year.

22.3 **RESOLVED** – That the report sent to the Policy and Resources Committee and in particular the budgetary issues of relevance to the operation of the Sub-Committee, be noted.

23. INTEGRATED LEARNING DISABILITIES SERVICE - CAPITAL BUILDING PROGRAMME

23.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Housing and City Support detailing three major building projects within the city which will enable the council to provide additional housing for people with Learning Disabilities. The report sought ratification of the schemes and provided information about their capital funding (see minute book). The schemes related to 267 Old Shoreham Road, Portslade, 83 Beaconsfield Villas, Brighton and The Connaught Centre, Connaught Road, Hove.

23.2 The Director, Learning Disability Services presented the report and answered questions. She explained that the application to carry out works to the Connaught Centre would be considered at the Planning Applications Sub-Committee on 26 November 2003. At this point Councillors Older, Pennington and Wells declared a personal interest in the report, as they were both members of the Planning Applications Sub-Committee. They both left the room for the discussion and decision.

23.3 The Planning Applications Sub-Committee were obliged to consider the application as there had been an objection from City College, relating to the fire escape leading to an area owned by the college. The Director of Housing and City Support confirmed that he would take part in the discussions with City College, in order to resolve the objection.

23.4 The Director of Housing and City Support reported that the fourth place at 83 Beaconsfield Villas was reserved for a young

man whose care arrangements had been the subject of a legal challenge. At this point it was no longer certain that he would be able to take it up, but it was necessary to retain the place until the court permitted otherwise.

23.5 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the progress being made to provide housing for people with learning disabilities within the City, be noted.

(2) That it be noted that funding provisions have been put in place to enable these schemes to be provided.

24. OLDER PEOPLES VISION DOCUMENT

24.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Joint Commissioner for Older People and the Director of Housing and City Support which explained that a series of vision papers had been prepared to initiate discussion and debate as to the long term future of health and social care provision in the city.

24.2 The older peoples document provided an outline of the rationale and context behind the development of the vision document and provided an outline for the consultation process planned for the discussion document (for copy see minute book).

24.3 The Sub-Committee felt strongly that elected Members should be fully involved in the consultation process. The importance of this involvement was not evident in the report.

24.4 The Chair asked that the Joint Commissioner be invited to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee in order to discuss this matter further.

24.5 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Older Peoples Vision Discussion Document be noted.

(2) That the proposed consultation process for the Older Peoples Vision Discussion Document be noted.

(3) That elected Members be fully involved in the consultation process and the Joint Commissioner for Older People be invited to attend the next Sub-Committee meeting on 3 November 2003 to discuss this matter further.

(4) That there be further discussion concerning keynote speakers for the Stakeholder Workshop.

25. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

25.1 **RESOLVED** – There were none.

The meeting concluded at 6.27 p.m.

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2003