

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

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

5.00pm 24 MAY 2004

BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Kielty (Chair); Councillors Mrs Brown, Fitch, Kemble, Meadows (Deputy Chair), Meegan, Older, Williams and Willows.

PART ONE

ACTION

1. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

1A Declarations of Substitutes

1A.1 Councillor Mrs Brown substituted for Councillor Wells, Councillor Fitch substituted for Councillor Tonks and Councillor Kemble substituted for Councillor Mrs Norman.

1B Declarations of Interest

1B.1 Councillor Kemble declared a personal interest in item 5, as he and his wife were patients at the Hangleton Surgery.

1C Exclusion of Press and Public

1C.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.

1C.2 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 6.

2. MINUTES

2.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on

22 March 2004 be approved and signed by the Chair

3. CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 There were none.

4. EXTRA CARE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

4.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Housing and City Support that sought agreement to proceed to formal consultation on the change of use at Larchwood Resource Centre in order to develop 37 units of extra care housing for older people (see minute book). The land and financing implications would be subject to the approval of the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 23 June 2004. If the Policy and Resources Committee did authorise the land transactions, the Adult Social Care and Health Sub-Committee would need to consider, in the light of the consultation exercise proposed in the report, whether or not to reprovide the current services at Larchwood.

4.2 The Director of Housing and City Support informed the Sub-Committee that he was pleased to report that out of 150 applications, Brighton & Hove was one 16 successful bidders for Department of Health funding for the development of extra care housing. The Government had agreed to give the whole amount of money applied for on the condition that the scheme commenced by June 2005. A formal consultation process would commence from 1 June to 24 August 2004 with the Sub-Committee's approval. The Sub-Committee would be asked to consider a further report in the autumn and to decide, taking into account the results of the consultation exercise and other relevant factors, whether or not to re-provide the services at Larchwood Resource Centre.

4.3 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the consultation plan outlined in the report be approved; Rita Garner

(2) That the consultation plan be implemented on the condition that the consultation process ceases if the Policy and Resources Committee decides not to approve the land transactions necessary for the proposed scheme.

(3) That the Sub-Committee receive a further report following the outcome of the consultation and make a decision on whether or not to re-provide the service.

5. PETITION - HANGLETON MANOR DOCTOR'S SURGERY

5.1 The Sub-Committee considered the following petition signed by 229 people and submitted to the Council meeting on 11 March 2004 by Councillor Willows:

"We, the undersigned wish to protest strongly about the proposed closure of the doctor's surgery at 96 Northease Drive, Hove.

We call upon the City Council to do all in its power to prevent this closure and help to ensure its future for the benefit of Hove in general and Hangleton and Knoll Ward in particular."

5.2 The Director of Service Improvement, Brighton & Hove City Primary Care Trust informed the meeting that the surgery was not closing. The current doctor was employed on a short-term contract and the Primary Care Trust wanted to engage a doctor on a long-term contract following a competitive process. No one would be excluded from this process.

5.3 Councillor Meadows observed that many surgeries were applying to close. She asked what action the PCT were taking to ensure that the elderly and frail had access to health care locally.

5.4 The Director of Service Improvement explained that that the PCT had no desire to remove health services from the local community. Many services were provided in a local setting around the City. The PCT's vision for the future was to have better surgeries with improved access for the disabled and elderly. This would involve an outreach to the community in order to avoid the necessity to travel. By September 2005 the PCT would have a clearer vision of what this would mean for the City. This process would link to the acute hospital setting and would involve a move from secondary care to improved primary care. The PCT would consult on these changes in an appropriate way.

5.5 Councillor Williams made the point that the catchment areas for GP surgeries did not follow ward boundaries. He asked for this to be taken into consideration during consultation processes.

5.6 The Chair expressed concern that some surgeries were changing boundaries to smaller areas in order to concentrate on better off areas. The Director of Service Improvement replied that if there was evidence to prove this was happening the PCT should be informed. The PCT had to ensure that every person in the City had access to a GP.

5.7 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Part 2 Proceedings

CLOSURE OF EDBURTON 2 WARD – EXEMPT CATEGORY 11

6.1 The Sub-Committee noted a joint report of the Director of Service Improvement and the Director of Housing and City Support that informed Members of the decision to close Edburton 2 Ward (E2), at the Brighton General Hospital.