

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

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

5.00pm 21 MARCH 2005

BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Meadows (Chair); Councillors Burgess (Vice-Chair), Meegan, Morgan, Mrs Norman (OS), K Norman, Pennington, Wells, Williams and Willows.

PART ONE

ACTION

63. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

63A Declarations of Substitutes

63A.1 Councillor K Norman declared that he was substituting for Councillor Older. Councillor Pennington declared that he was substituting for Councillor Tonks.

63B Declarations of Interest

63B.1 Councillor Burgess declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in items relating to learning disabilities as his wife worked in Learning Disability services. Councillor Williams declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in items relating to mental health as he was the council's representative on the Trustees Board of MIND, the mental health charity.

63C Exclusion of Press and Public

63C.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.

63C.2 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public not be excluded from any items on the agenda.

64. MINUTES

64.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2005 be approved and signed by the Chair.

65. MINUTES OF THE INTEGRATED SERVICES BOARD MEETING HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2005

65.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes be noted.

66. MINUTES OF THE JOINT COMMISSIONING BOARD MEETING HELD ON 1 MARCH 2005

66.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes be noted.

67. CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Shaping the Future of Services in Sussex for Mental Health, Learning Disability and Substance Misuse Services

67.1 The Chair informed the Sub-Committee that the Project Steering Group met on 8 March 2005 to consider the response to the discussion phase and to agree how this was to be taken forward.

67.2 The Project Steering Group recommended that there should be a formal consultation on the service model and direction, the provider configuration required and the key priorities to deliver the service model. It is proposed that the consultation should take place from 9 May to 19 August 2005.

67.3 The Consultation would include three options for trust configuration from April 2006.

Option 1: Remain with three separate organisations providing these services but with greater collaboration between them. The current joint management arrangements between East and West Sussex would end.

Option 2: Merge the West Sussex Health and Social Care and East Sussex County Healthcare Trusts from April 2006 but keep South Downs Health as an independent organisation for Brighton and Hove working collaboratively with the new merged trust.

Option 3a: Fully merge all three organisations' mental health, learning disability and substance misuse services from April 2006 or...

Option 3b: Fully merge the East and West Sussex Trusts from April 2006 with South Downs Health joining at an agreed later date which would be no later than April 2007.

68. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

68.1 There were no public questions.

69. DEPUTATION

69.1 The Sub-Committee considered a Deputation presented at Council on 10 March by Mrs Nicky Gregory relating to the representations the Council are making to the Government over its spending choices (for copy see minute book).

69.2 **RESOLVED** – That the deputation and the Chair's reply to Council be noted.

70. QUARTER 3 BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2004/05

70.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Strategy & Governance that presented the 2004/05 quarterly performance indicator (PI) results for all indicators for which the Adult Social Care Sub-Committee is the Service Committee (see minute book). These indicators were taken from the statutory Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI) suite.

70.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the Performance Indicator results achieved during the third quarter 2004/05 as detailed in the abridged Q3 Best Value Performance Report 2004/05 be noted.

(2) That it be noted that the 2003/04 year end results have been audited.

(3) That it be noted that the quartile data has been updated and is now 2003/04 quartile information.

71. CHARGING POLICY FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICES

71.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Housing and City Support which reported that Adult Social Care charging policy for Non-Residential Care Services was approved in December 2002 but required updating to incorporate other decisions that have been made during the year and to incorporate revised maximum charge rates and allowances (see minute book).

71.2 The Head of Income and Payments reported that the updated information related to the assessment of couples and charging for learning disability day care.

71.3 Councillor Williams asked for it to be noted that although he endorsed the report as a whole, he could not support the day care charges for adults with learning disabilities.

71.4 **RESOLVED** – That the attached charging policy be noted and approved. Angie Emerson

72. HOME CARE SERVICES: REPORT ON MONITORING PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY

72.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director, Housing and City Support providing the six-monthly report on monitoring performance and quality in home care services (see minute book).

72.2 The Contract Manager reported that more hours of home care were being delivered overall. Meanwhile, there was a reduction in residential placement. With regard to hospital discharge, the numbers of "delayed transfers of care" due to shortage of home care packages had been reducing fairly steadily. However, there had been problems in January and February 2005, when the hospital system came under unprecedented pressures.

72.3 With regard to quality of service, the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) was the new national inspectorate body. CSCI were due to merge with the Health Care Commission in 2008. Meanwhile, the Contracts Unit covered quality monitoring.

72.4 There had been the occasional case of abuse in home care services and this tended to be financial abuse. Overall, the quality in home care services was sound, but it was recognised that there was a continued need for vigilance.

72.5 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the report be noted Malcolm Price

(2) That a further report updating on performance and quality in home care services be presented to Committee in six months time (September 2005).

73. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

73.1 No items were referred to Council.

The meeting concluded at 5.55 pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2005