

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH CABINET MEMBER MEETING**

**4.00pm 14 JUNE 2010**

**COMMITTEE ROOM 3, HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillor K Norman (Cabinet Member)

**Also in attendance:** Councillor Wrighton

**PART ONE**

**1. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

**1(a) Declarations of Interests**

1.1 There were none.

**1(b) Exclusion of Press and Public**

1.2 In accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ("the Act"), the Cabinet Member considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during an item of business on the grounds that it was likely, in view of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present during that item, there would be disclosure to them of confidential information (as defined in section 100A(3) of the Act) or exempt information (as defined in section 100I(1) of the Act).

1.3 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

2.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Adult Social Care & Health Cabinet Member Meeting held on 15 March 2010 be agreed and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**3. CABINET MEMBER'S COMMUNICATIONS**

**Care Quality Commission**

- 3.1 The Cabinet Member reported that the CQC inspection was now completed. Their initial report would be available on 21 June with the final report due two weeks after that. The public report would be available at the end of July.
- 3.2 The Cabinet Member reported that he had recently attended the South East & Eastern Adult Social Care Lead Memebers made up of south east based council representatives for which he was Chair. The meeting discussed many issues but in particular the topic of funding that was of concern to all local authorities in the current financial climate.

### **Carers Week**

- 3.3 The Cabinet Member noted that this week was the national annual Carers Week. He revealed that as part of this week he had attended a Carer's Centre to talk to and discuss issues and ideas with the carer's there. The Cabinet Member relayed the benefit of this first-hand involvement and recommended it those that were interested.

## **4. ITEMS RESERVED FOR DISCUSSION**

- 4.1 **RESOLVED** – All items were reserved for discussion.

## **5. PETITIONS**

- 5.1 There were none.

## **6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

- 6.1 There were none.

## **7. DEPUTATIONS**

- 7.1 There were none.

## **8. LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS**

- 8.1 There were none.

## **9. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

- 9.1 There were none.

## **10. NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

10.1 There were none.

## 11. PERSONALISATION AND DAY SERVICES

- 11.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Acting Director of Adult Social Care & Health concerning the full consultation exercise which collected the views of partner organisations, staff and unions about the future shape of Day Services. This followed a report which was presented to the Cabinet Member Meeting on 11 January 2010 which highlighted low numbers of people using building based Day Services for older people and for people with a physical disability.
- 11.2 Councillor Wrighton referred to the current dementia scrutiny panel she was part of that had discussed concern at changes at Ireland Lodge and Wayfield Avenue. She asked if they would still maintain their day-centre status.
- 11.3 The Performance and Development Officer responded that the proposals would develop a service targeting age and needs more effectively. This change would be an enhancement of the traditional services such as cooking groups. The General Service Manager added that care relief services would certainly continue.
- 11.4 The Chairman praised the changes as a step forward for the service deploying better use of resources and staff.
- 11.3 **RESOLVED** – Having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendations:
- (1) That a two staged approach to the review of day services be agreed, to take account of both the results of the consultation and wider developments affecting the delivery of community services (including the prevention agenda and the Dementia strategy.)

### Stage 1

- 1 Services are currently underused: Make the best use of facilities and resources by combining Montague House and Tower House.
- 2 Develop a new community resource model at Tower House which builds on the successful elements of day services.
- 3 Improve facilities at Tower House to provide an enhanced service for people who use the building.
- 4 To encourage health and 3<sup>rd</sup> sector involvement in the development of services at Tower House.
- 5 To work with commissioners to explore the future use of Montague House with a view to providing services to more people that will promote health prevention and health promotion, and builds on the success of the Daily Living Centre and the Low Vision Clinic.

### Stage 2

- 1 To work with commissioners to deliver the outcomes of the prevention agenda that will affect the future shape of day services. This will include Craven Vale, Somerset

Day Centre and community facilities at Patching Lodge in the east of the city and St John's Day Centre in the west.

- 2 To work with commissioners to take forward the outcome of the local dementia strategy which will affect day services currently provided at Ireland Lodge and Wayfield Avenue.

- (2) That a further progress report be submitted to the meeting following the implementation of Stage 1 in autumn 2010.

## **12. CONTRACT UNIT PERFORMANCE AND MONITORING OF WORKING AGE ADULT (UNDER 65S) SERVICES, OCTOBER 2009 TO MARCH 2010**

- 12.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Acting Director of Adult Social Care & Health which provided information on the performance and monitoring of Under 65's (working age adult) services to people with learning disabilities, mental health issues, physical disabilities and sensory loss, for the period 1 October 2009 to 31 March 2010, in order to drive up quality and performance through robust and transparent monitoring procedures.
- 12.2 Councillor Wrighton noted a scheme that had recently been closed in Hanover and enquired about the implications of this closure and in general the checks for safeguarding those whose care would forthwith be the duty of the private sector.
- 12.3 The Acting Director of Adult Social Care and Health responded that the service would endeavour to deploy a representative to the scheme in Hanover and it was her assumption that those that needed re-housing would be taken into other schemes.
- 12.4 Councillor Wrighton asked if the Wellington Road community scheme was still on track for completion. The Acting Director of Adult Social Care and Health confirmed that the project would be completed to schedule.
- 12.5 **RESOLVED** – Having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendations:
  - (1) That the report be noted.
  - (2) That the Cabinet member receives reports on a six monthly basis. The next report will cover the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010.
  - (3) That the report is submitted to the Joint Commissioning Board for agreement on the jointly commissioned services.

## **13. PERFORMANCE AND MONITORING OLDER PEOPLE'S SERVICES 1ST OCTOBER 2009 T 31ST MARCH 2010**

- 13.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Acting Director of Adult Social Care & Health concerning the performance and monitoring of Older People (OP) and Older

People Mental Health (OPMH) care homes and home care, for the period 1 October 2009 to 31 March 2010. The report covered both the independent sector and council run care homes.

- 13.2 The Acting Director of Adult Social Care and Health added that the impact of personalisation had had a significant impact upon the level of independence in the lives of those under care and this incentive would maintain such.
- 13.3 Councillor Wrighton enquired if more severe cases of dementia would benefit from a longer stay in care.
- 13.4 The Contract Manager responded that those that needed specialist care would receive it and this would be supported by the Primary Care Trust (PCT).
- 13.5 Councillor Wrighton asked how complaints were handled. The Contracts Manager responded that service providers each have their own systems and there would soon be a live electronic monitor to further improve the accessibility and response to complaints.
- 13.6 The Acting Director of Adult Social Care and Health supplemented that there was a wide service partnership committed to the highest levels of care whilst ensuring that sufferers are placed in a steady environment and maintain their independence.
- 13.7 **RESOLVED** – Having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendations:
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#### 14. CARELINK PLUS

- 14.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Acting Director of Adult Social Care & Health which provided a progress report on the Carelink Plus service. The core business operated by CareLink Plus was the community alarm service. CareLink Plus had also been successful in further developing the service to incorporate all aspects of assistive technology including Telecare.
- 14.2 The Acting Director of Adult Social Care and Health added that the incorporation of the much developed technology would give huge help to ensure that the best levels of services are provided to the individual and population at large. She conveyed her commitment that all users would be given assistance in access to and use of these devices.
- 14.2 **RESOLVED** – Having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendations:

- (1) That the current developments in the CareLink Plus service be noted.
- (2) That further research into new technologies in Telecare and community alarm service provision be approved.
- (3) That there is a report back on any future developments.

## 15. SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE ADULTS DATA

- 15.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Acting Director of Adult Social Care & Health which set out the activity from April 2009 to the end of March 2010, for work completed in Adult Social Care Services, including mental health services, and was planned to be included in the Brighton and Hove Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2009/10.
- 15.2 The Cabinet Member was informed that from October 2009 the NHS Information Centre for Health and Social Care had requested additional information to be collected by Local Authorities, as part of the development of a national data collection on the abuse of vulnerable adults. This report included this additional information which was now required, giving more detail about adult abuse than officers had previously been able to analyse.
- 15.3 **RESOLVED** – Having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendations:
- (1) That the trends for the period April 2009 to the end of March 2010, for safeguarding adults work in Brighton and Hove be noted.
  - (2) That this information be included in the Safeguarding Annual Report for April 2009/2010, and is used to inform action plans for the year ahead.

The meeting concluded at 5.12pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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