

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

4.00pm 14 MARCH 2011

COMMITTEE ROOM 3, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor K Norman (Cabinet Member)

Apologies: Councillor Lepper sent her apologies due to her attendance at another meeting.

PART ONE

44. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

44(a) Declarations of Interests

44.1 There were none.

44(b) Exclusion of Press and Public

44.2 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(I) of the Act).

44.3 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Item 57.

45. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

45.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Adult Social Care & Health Cabinet Member Meeting held on 10 January 2011 be agreed and signed by the Cabinet Member.

46. CABINET MEMBER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Brian Doughty

46.1 The Cabinet Member reported that Brian Doughty was the Commissioner for Adult Assessment. He would be working at the council for the next five months.

Safeguarding Conferences

- 46.2 The Cabinet Member reported that he had attended the Safeguarding Conference at the Inmarsat Conference Centre, London, on 24th January 2011. He had also attended the Brighton and Hove Safeguarding Conference at Hove Town Hall on 4th March 2011. This was a well attended and useful day and attracted over 100 people.

Meeting at King's Fund

- 46.3 The Cabinet Member reported that on 11 March 2011, he attended the SECASC (South East Councils Adult Social Care Lead Members)/ADASS(Association of Directors of Adult Social Services)/SESL(South East Strategic Leaders) meeting at King's Fund, London.

Health Bill Seminar

- 46.4 The Cabinet Member had attended a Health Bill Seminar presented by Amanda Fadero, Chief Executive, Sussex Clusters PCTs, on 13th February 2011.

Learning Disabilities Partnership Board

- 46.5 The Cabinet Member had attended the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board at Hove Town Hall on 17th February 2011.

Denise Stokoe

- 46.6 The Cabinet Member had twice met with Denise Stokoe, Chair of Brighton and Hove NHS (PCT).

Lifelines Event

- 46.7 A Lifelines Event took place at Hove Town Hall on 3rd February 2011. The Cabinet Member was very supportive of their work.

End of Life Programme

- 46.8 The Cabinet Member and the Director of Adult Social Services had met with the Chief Executive of the Martlets Hospice and Caroline Lower, Fanny Bradbury (HR) and Imelda Glackin on 7th February 2011 to discuss the end of life care links between the council and the Martlets.

Joint Commissioning Board

- 46.9 The Cabinet Member had attended the Joint Commissioning Board on 14 February 2011.

“Modern Life”

- 46.10 The Cabinet Member and the Deputy Mayor had attended the launch of the new Carousel film “Modern Life” on 5th March 2011. The film was made by people with learning disabilities.

47. ITEMS RESERVED FOR DISCUSSION

47.1 **RESOLVED** – That all items be reserved for discussion.

48. PETITIONS**48(i) Petition – Safeguard Carers’ Funding**

48.1 The following petition had been submitted to Cabinet on 17 February 2011 by Mr Nick Fry and signed by 318 people.

“I believe that funding for carers allocated to Brighton & Hove City Council from central government should be ringfenced and used for the purpose it was intended for”.

48.2 Mr Fry was not able to attend the meeting and would be sent the Cabinet Member’s response.

48.3 The Cabinet Member responded as follows:.

“Brighton & Hove City Council has a strong commitment to services for carers and intends to continue supporting carers as set out in the Carers Strategy within the current financial circumstances.

We are totally committed to ensuring that, together with its partners, NHS Brighton & Hove, funding is allocated to carers’ services to maintain and develop quality, flexible services that meet the needs of the wide range of carers in our city.

Central Government has been allocating funding to local authorities for breaks and services to carers since 1999. This is currently allocated through the Area Based Grant and councils then decide how much to directly allocate to carers via Adult Social Care (80%) and Children’s Services (20%). Central Government allocations from 2008/09 – 2010/11 were as follows:

	2009-10	2010-11
	£m	£m
Area Based Grant allocation for carers	1.167	1.232
Actual city council allocation to carers from ABG	1.017	0.979
Allocation to ASC 80%	0.814	0.7832
Other ASC exp (Community Care budget contracts, SPFT & LDDF exp)	0.216	0.1976
Total exp in ASC 2009/10 and 2010/11	1.03	0.9808

We are committed to supporting carers in the city with our colleagues in the NHS. We have agreed a joint post to develop the service for carers.”

48.4 **RESOLVED** – That the petition be noted and that Mr Fry be sent the response of the Cabinet Member.

49. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

49.1 There were none.

50. DEPUTATIONS

50.1 There were none.

51. LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS

51.1 There were none.

52. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

52.1 There were none.

53. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

53.1 There were none.

54. FEE LEVEL FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICES 2011/12

54.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Adult Social Services/Lead Commissioner People concerning fees paid to independent and voluntary sector providers that supply care services on behalf of Brighton & Hove City Council. The report covered fees paid to providers of older people, people with physical disabilities, adults with mental health needs (including HIV and substance misuse) and learning disability services.

54.2 The Service Improvement Manager Commissioning reported that the proposals to hold fee levels at the 2010/11 rates was in line with the budget report agreed at Budget Council on 3 March 2011. All services had been asked to identify how reductions in their net budget could be achieved to address the budget gap. Locally fee levels for 2010/11 were in the main held at 2009/10 levels as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

54.3 Brighton & Hove provided a range of training that was free to access and which was much appreciated by providers. Providers had been asked if they would prefer an additional fee increase or the training provided by the Council and the overwhelming majority of providers opted for the training. Neighbouring authorities were not planning an increase in fees. A representation had been received from providers who had asked the council to consider the extra expenses they incurred. Providers were aware of the budget position and the Director of Adult Social Services had attended a number of provider forums.

54.4 The Cabinet Member reported that he had held discussions with Graham Dean, Vice Chair of the East Sussex, Brighton & Hove Registered Care Homes Association. He stressed the necessity of working together to make savings. He was hopeful that the situation could change in future years.

54.5 **RESOLVED** – Having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendations:

- (1) That the fee levels for 2011/12, be held at the 2010/11 rates for all independent and voluntary sector providers.
- (2) That the direct payment rates for 2011/12, be held at the 2010/11 level.
- (3) That the applicable host authority set rates be matched for new care home placements out of the city

55. CONTRACT UNIT PERFORMANCE AND MONITORING OF OLDER PEOPLE'S SERVICES, 1 APRIL TO 31 DECEMBER 2010

55.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Adult Social Services/Lead Commissioner People concerning the performance and monitoring of Older People and Older People Mental Health care homes and home care, for the period 1 April to 31 December 2010. The report would be submitted to the Joint Commissioning Board on 4 April 2011 for a decision on the jointly commissioned services.

55.2 The Contacts Manager Adult Social Care presented important features of the report.

55.3 The Cabinet Member remarked that the report highlighted that a good service was being provided.

55.4 **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 regular basis. The next report will cover the period 1st January 2011 to 30th September 2011.
- (3) That the report is submitted to the Joint Commissioning Board for agreement on the jointly commissioned services.

56. CONTRACT UNIT PERFORMANCE AND MONITORING OF WORKING AGE ADULT (UNDER 65'S) SERVICES, APRIL 2010 TO DECEMBER 2010

56.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Adult Social Services/Lead Commissioner People which provided governance 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, across the city of Brighton and Hove for the period 1 April 2010 to 31 December 2010 in order to drive up quality and performance through robust and transparent monitoring procedures.

56.2 The Cabinet Member referred to the section on Shared Lives in paragraph 3.3. He stated that this was an area that could be improved. Shared Lives was a good way of helping people with learning disabilities and something that the council should

encourage. The Head of Commissioning and Partnerships reported that the Service Improvement Manager Commissioning was carrying out work on Shared Lives.

56.3 Graham Dean, Vice Chair of the East Sussex, Brighton & Hove Registered Care Homes Association was in attendance at the meeting and asked if the risk rates detailed in desk top reviews were communicated to providers. The Contracts Manager, Adult Social Care replied that when letters were sent to providers, the council highlighted positive areas and areas where more work needed to be carried out.

56.4 **RESOLVED** – Having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendations:

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Part 2 Summary

57. MONTAGUE HOUSE - CHANGE OF USE - EXEMPT CATEGORY 3

57.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Adult Social Services/Lead Commissioner People which made recommendations about the future use of Montague House.

57.2 **RESOLVED** - As per the part 2 confidential report.

The meeting concluded at 4.56pm

Signed

Chairman

Dated this

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