

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

4.00pm 13 JUNE 2011

COMMITTEE ROOM 3, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Jarrett (Cabinet Member)

Also in attendance: Councillor, Norman, apologies were received from Councillor Pissaridou

Officers present: :Simmons, Head of Commissioning & Partnerships; Brian Doughty , Head of Assessment Service; Sandra O'Brien, Senior Lawyer; Anne Silley, Head of Finance – Business Engagement;; Jane MacDonald, Joint Commissioner Older People;Michelle Jenkins, Safeguarding Adults Manager; Penny Jennings, Democratic Services Officer.

Numbers of public present: (4)

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(I) of the Act).

1.3 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Item 13.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 2.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Adult Social Care & Health Cabinet Member Meeting held on 14 March 2011 be noted.

3. CABINET MEMBER'S COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The Cabinet Member welcomed all who were present and commended the high quality work which had been achieved to date. A high calibre officer team was in place and he intended to build on the results which had been achieved to date. His guiding principle would be to seek to protect the services provided for vulnerable people in the city who fell within his portfolio.

Appointment of Permanent Head of Assessment Services

- 3.2 The Cabinet Member was happy to report that Mr Brian Doughty's role as Head of Assessment Services had recently been made permanent. He was deputising at the meeting in place of the Director of Adult, Social Care. Councillor Norman also wished to place on record his congratulations.

Carers Card

- 3.3 The Cabinet Member reported that a "Carer's Card" was due to be launched shortly, the card was designed for those who had caring responsibilities for adults. Discounts and other benefits would be available for card holders, these would include money off tickets to performances at the Theatre Royal, Komedia, Brighton Dome, discounted treatments at City College and concessionary rates on health and fitness memberships and other benefits. The official launch would take place at City College on at 10.00am on Wednesday 15 June. All Members were welcome to attend. Councillor Norman reported that unfortunately he would be unable to attend as he was required elsewhere on long standing Council business.

4. ITEMS RESERVED FOR DISCUSSION

- 4.1 **RESOLVED** – That all items be reserved for discussion.

5. PETITIONS**Petition – Safeguarding Carers' Funding**

- 5.1 Mr John Kapp presented an e-Petition signed by 9 people as follows:

"We the undersigned call upon the Council to open up the public sector market to "Any Willing Provider" to allow complementary therapy centres to bid to provide National Institute for Clinical Excellence (Nice) – recommended complementary treatments."

- 5.2 The Cabinet Member explained that in a detailed response had been prepared for Mr Kapp in advance of the meeting and invited him to speak to his petition for a period not exceeding three minutes.

- 5.3 Mr Kapp referred to the service provided by a small start up company, a consortium of complementary therapists of which he was a Member. Mr Kapp was advised that it was not appropriate for him to give what in effect amounted to an advertisement for a private commercial enterprise.
- 5.4 It was explained this matter did not fall within the responsibilities of the Council. The Government had been undertaking a further listening exercise regarding the NHS and how health services would be both delivered and commissioned. This would have an impact on the timescales for the Health & Social Care Bill to receive Royal Assent/become an Act of Parliament. The health care budget would in the main, remain the responsibility of the PCT (until April 2013). After that, and unless there were changes as a result of the listening exercise, the newly formed GP Consortium would take on that responsibility from April 2013. The use of Any Willing Provider a model or preferred provider whereby patients could select who provided their care from a list of those willing to offer it, those organisations had to meet certain standards.
- 5.5 Post April 2013, public health would move to being managed by the Local Authority with links back to the PCT and there was a proposal that each local authority area would have a Health and Well being Board which would look at how services were commissioned, that was not in place yet. The PCT had a robust process in place for the consideration of all NICE (National Institute of Clinical Excellence) guidance and this as taken into account when planning its services.
- 5.6 Mr Kapp referred to the fact that the Council might like to consider use of alternative therapies for staff suffering a broad range of health problems. The Cabinet Member explained that this did not fall within his Cabinet responsibilities, but that he would be provided with details as to how he could contact the Council's Human Resources Department direct.
5. **RESOLVED** – That the petition and the response be noted.
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. HIGH COST CARE

11.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Adult Social Services/Lead Commissioner People that set out a policy for High Cost Care. This formalised and reinforced good social work practice for all care groups. "Putting People First" advocated choice and control for users and local take up of personal budgets was a key performance indicator. At the same time under financial policy, the council had a fiduciary duty to secure value for money. Adult Social Care Assessment teams, when assessing the needs of service users must take the above into account.

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

- (1) That it be noted that the proposals in the report formalise and reinforce good social work practice for all care groups. That the costs of care are set at a level that secures a package of care or care home placement that meets the needs of the individual and also represents value for money.
- (2) That it be noted that a Framework Agreement for people with a Learning Disability with complex needs has been agreed and is being actioned.
- (3) That where there is a decision that an individual is seeking to be supported by public funds and that a home care package would not represent value for money, practitioners should discuss whether this individual could access third party support.

The Cabinet Member noted and confirmed that the recommendations as agreed related to arrangements for all service users, not just the elderly.

12. SAFEGUARDING REPORT

12.1 The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Adult Social Services/Lead Commissioner People which set out the Safeguarding Adults Board Action Plan, for the years 2011-2013, to show the planned work to safeguarding the most vulnerable people in the City. This plan will be updated quarterly, and reported to the Safeguarding Adults Board.

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

- (1) That the updated Action Plan for safeguarding adults at risk be noted.
- (2) That this information will be included in the Safeguarding Adults Annual Report for April 2010/11, published in July 2011.

13. PART TWO MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

13.1 The Cabinet Member noted the Part Two minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2011.

13.2 **RESOLVED** – That the Part Two minutes be noted.

The meeting concluded at 4.48pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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