

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

OLDER PEOPLE'S COUNCIL

10.00am 18 DECEMBER 2012

ROOM 126, KING'S HOUSE

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Hazelgrove (Chair)

Also in attendance: Councillor

Other Members present: Councillors

PART ONE

92. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

- 92.1 Apologies from Marion Couldery, Councillor Geoffrey Bowden, Isla Robertson, Sue Howley.
- 92.2 Members asked for their best wishes to be sent to Mary van Beinum.

93. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER

- 93.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

94. THE KEEP

- 94.1 Members received a presentation on the Keep from Wendy Walker, Senior Archivist and Programme Manager for The Keep, East Sussex County Council.
- 94.2 Members were advised that The Keep will be a new state-of-the-art historical resource centre based near Falmer, East Sussex.
- 94.3 It will provide a home for all the archives and historical resources of East Sussex and Brighton & Hove, and the Special Collections of the University of Sussex, including the internationally renowned Mass Observation Archive.
- 94.4 The building will also include the library and headquarters of the Sussex Family History Group. This group aims to encourage people to study family history and genealogy and to preserve and publish relevant documents.

94.5 The Keep will house over six miles of archives and historical resources dating back over 900 years. These records document the lives of individuals, places and events from across the community, including:

- written records
- maps and plans
- photographs and films
- prints and drawings
- oral histories
- digital and electronic records
- local, national and international collections.

94.6 Public search rooms and research facilities will be available for all visitors to use. These facilities will include:

- **Repository block** – built to house over six miles of archives with space for future collections. The temperature and other conditions have to be just right to preserve the collections perfectly.
- **Public search rooms and group research areas** – for anyone wanting to research and explore the collections.
- **Learning and multifunction rooms** – for school classes, student groups and adult learners to engage in interactive and creative learning with archives. These rooms can also be opened out to host a wide range of community activities, including workshops and events for up to 150 people.
- **Oral history recording room** – to record and preserve the memories and stories of life, people and events from the past.
- **Staff facilities** – including a conservation workshop and a digitisation suite. These will let staff preserve and provide hands-on and online access to the collections.
- **Space to work with staff** – for volunteers, students and community groups to work with staff and learn new skills to help preserve the archives.
- **Electronic preservation facilities** – equipment and facilities to preserve electronic archives and digital media.
- **Café area** – situated on the ground floor, visitors can buy, or bring their own, food and drink.

94.7 The former South East England Development Agency (SEEDA) completed roadworks in the Falmer area that has improved access to the site. These include:

- a new flyover
- improvements to the junction of the A27 and A270

- widening the road from the new junction to the railway tunnel
- a footpath and cyclepath with CCTV coverage, running along the south side of the railway line from Falmer station to the railway tunnel by Woollards Field
- widening the access road to Stanmer Park
- a new link road to the University of Sussex.

94.8 The Keep is a 10 minute walk from Falmer train station, and there will be a new secure and well-lit footpath running from the station to the site entrance. There will also be new and improved bus stops on both sides of the A27 with pedestrian links into Woollards Field.

94.9 The development will have a car park that will include disabled spaces, an area for bikes, and a coach turning point. A new footpath and cycle path will run along the southern edge of Woollards Field. This will join up with the new path from Falmer Station at one end, and the Moulsecomb estate at the other.

94.10 It was agreed that a visit to the Keep just prior to opening would be useful. Scrutiny to arrange.

94.11 Members were keen for the Keep to link up with local history groups that would want to use the facilities.

94.12 Members also suggested that OPC members might like to participate in oral history projects. Members thanked Wendy for an interesting and information presentation.

95. CHARGES AND FEES IN ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICES

95.1 Anne Hagan, Jane McDonald and Angie Emerson presented proposals for fees and charges for ASC services.

95.2 They advised members that most Adult Social Care services are chargeable to service users but, in the main, these charges are subject to a means test.

95.3 All councils are required to set a charging policy which is compliant with the requirements of this Act and the Department of Health's "Fairer Charging" Guidance

95.4 Non-residential care services

- A package of non-residential care can include home care, day care, community support, adaptations and direct payments in lieu of services.
- One financial assessment covers all services and the amount a person must pay will depend upon their income, savings and expenditure, (except for the fixed charges for meals, transport and carelink).
- The value of a person's home is not counted.

- 95.5 There are around 1850 service users with non-residential care services and this includes older people and adults with physical disabilities, learning disabilities and mental health difficulties.
- 95.6 Around 47% of service users have minimal savings and limited income from state benefits which results in no charge, other than the fixed rate charges for meals, transport or carelink.
- 95.7 About 45% of service users are assessed to contribute an average of £20 to £60 per week, usually based on their entitlement to extra disability benefits.
- 95.8 A financial assessment is carried out to determine whether a service user can pay the maximum charge for their care services.
- People with savings and assets over the threshold (currently £23,250 or £45,500 for couples) pay the maximum charge.
 - Also, some people who have higher private incomes, or a low cost care package may pay the maximum charge, eg. £50.00 per week for 2 days per week at a day centre.
- 95.9 Around 8% of service users (140 people) pay the maximum charge.
- 95.10 The council also provides:
- meals in the community
 - meals at Day Centres
 - Transport to Day Centres and other venues
- 95.11 **Recommended Changes**
- maximum charge for in-house home care should be reduced from £21.50 per hour to £20.00 per hour.
 - This takes into account the disparity between other councils where maximum charges are generally set at a lower rate.
 - It is recommended that the maximum charge for day care should be increased from £23.50 to £25 per day.
 - The rates charged by other councils vary significantly but are often much higher.
 - Increase the Fixed Rate Transport charge from £2.15 per return journey to £2.50 per return to take account of higher fuel costs and public transport costs.
 - Increase the meals charge at Day Centres from £3.10 per meal to £3.50 per meal in line with community delivered meals.
 - (note that Committee have already approved an increase in community meals to £3.50).
 - No increase to Carelink charges.
- 95.12 Fee Level For Adult Social Care Services 2013-14**
- 95.13 Fees paid to independent and voluntary sector providers that supply care services on behalf of Brighton and Hove City Council Adult Social Care. Recommendations:

	Change
In city care homes Set rate	1% uplift
In city Care homes/Supported Living Non set rate	No change
Out of city Care homes/ Supported Living Set rate	No change
Out of city Care homes Non set rate	No change
Home care	2% uplift
Direct payments	
Service contracts	

95.14 Members thanked the officers for the presentation. There was general agreement that the approach seemed a reasonable one.

96. NEW DYNAMICS OF AGEING PROGRAMME

96.1 John Barry informed the OPC of a university project he was involved called the New Dynamics of Ageing.

96.2 The programme is an 8 year programme with the aim of improving the quality of life for older people and is the largest and most ambitious research programme on ageing ever mounted in the UK.

96.3 The programme will harness inputs from a wide range of disciplines to reveal the dynamic interplay between ageing individuals and their changing technological, cultural, social and physical environments - local, national and global - and to develop methods and means for overcoming the consequent constraints on the quality of life of older people.

96.4 John sits on the Older People's Reference Group for the project, which aims to:

- Significantly raise awareness within the Programme about the major issues of concern to older people.
- Provide constructive advice and comments on how the NDA should reflect the difference perspectives of older people.
- Engaged constructively with individual projects and encouraged awareness of the specific needs of older people.
- Act independently, flexibly and proactively to help to ensure that the NDA Programme achieves its objectives.

96.5 There are a wide range of projects and research being undertaken, or recently published. JB distributed some of the findings literature and encouraged members to access the website.

96.6 It was agreed the OPC would have leaflets from the NDA available at its public meetings.

97. COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

97.1 Members agreed the Committee workplan. The main item for the next meeting being the budget.

97.2 The Chair wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

98. OPC WORK PROGRAMME AND UPDATE

99. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting concluded at 1.00pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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