

Items Scrutinised by the Adult Services and Health Commission

16 JULY 2007

06/07 East Midlands Centre of Excellence High Cost Placement Project (EMCOE) for Learning Disabilities

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services which stated that the Council was one of nine partners in the East Midlands Centre of Excellence High Cost Placement Project. This project was designed to commission approximately 100 placements over three years for adult with learning disabilities across the partnership. The intention was that people who were currently placed in high cost accommodation elsewhere could have a service commissioned through this process, resulting in efficiencies as well as enabling them to live closer to their family home.

07/07 Draft Work Programme

The Commission considered a report which stated that Commissions were expected to set their annual work programme based around items contained within their respective portfolios at the beginning of each municipal year.

08/07 Performance Management

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services which stated that monitoring performance was an important role for Overview and Scrutiny Commissions as it enabled non-executive members to assess Council's performance and hold the Council Cabinet to account for setting and delivering against targets.

09/07 Proposals for Reconfigurations of Mental Health Services

The Commission considered a report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Services which stated that the Derbyshire Mental Health Trust had submitted two completed reconfigurations forms notifying the Commission about their proposal to make changes to two services in the city. These were

- Consolidation of ward 12 based at the DRI and Lathkill ward at Kingsway as an interim step for a PFI scheme. This scheme involved reducing the number of beds from 118 to 82 to enable single sex provision and potentially provide more effective and efficient services through the PFI scheme
- Reconfiguration of the Psychological Therapies Services in the City and South County. This proposal involved disaggregating two teams based in Derby into Community Teams across the whole County.

03 SEPTEMBER 2007

19/07 Mental Health Services Reconfigurations

The Commission considered a its own report on the proposals for the substantial reconfiguration of Psychological Therapies Services and consolidation of wards at the Kingsway site by the Derbyshire Mental Health Services Trust. The Commission members had previously felt that there had been insufficient information to conclude the review and had requested further information from the Trust. Additional information on the two proposals was provided by the Trust and also by the Trade Unions on the Psychological Therapies Services.

20/07 Derby Older People's Plan

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services on the Derby Older People's Plan. The plan covered seven major areas to prepare for an ageing population and set out key priorities to ensure older people lived healthy and fulfilled lives.

21/07 Older Persons Housing Strategy

The Commission considered a report from the Assistant Director of Housing and Advice Services on the Older Persons Housing Strategy. The Strategy provided a local framework for the future direction of housing and housing support related solutions for older people, regardless of tenure. The implementation of the strategy was detailed in an action plan, which would run from 2007-2010. It would allow for flexibility to adapt to changing needs, trends and legislation.

22/07 Consultation on the Proposed Closure of Bramblebrook House

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services on the Council Cabinets option appraisal report for Residential Homes for Older People 2007/08. It was reported that the demand for residential care was falling and the reduced demand meant the overall vacancy rate in the Council owned eight residential homes was increasing. The independent sector had also reported a slowdown in demand over time. The options were considered at Cabinet on 31 July with the main proposal to seek the closure of Bramblebrook House and agreed start consultation process which would end on 29 October.

23/07 Performance Management

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services on the Performance Indicators falling within its remit for the 1st quarter of 2007/08. It was reported that of the 19 indicators, 11 were green, five were amber and one was red.

24/07 Direct Payments

The Commission received a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services on Direct Payments which had been considered by Cabinet on 3 July. Direct Payments enables service users to directly purchase and manage the care provision they require. This care could be purchased from an independent care provider or personal assistant. The cabinet report detailed changes in hourly rates for people receiving Direct Payments which sought a reduction in the hourly rate from £10.20 to £9.00 where service users employed a personal assistant and an increase from £10.20 to £10.52 where services users purchased care from a care agency.

29 OCTOBER 2007

34/07 Derby Hospitals Foundation Trust Performance Rating

The Adult Services and Health Commission received a presentation from Ms Dianne Prescott and Ms Kay Fawcett on the Foundation Trusts Performance Rating assessed and published by the Healthcare Commission. It was noted that the annual rating was made up from several elements and that the existing standards had been met and an excellent rating had been gained for resources.

35/07 Adult Social Services Budget Review

The Adult Services and Health Commission considered a report from its Chair that identified increasing pressures on the Adult Social Services Budget with the projected overspend by the end of the year to exceed £3m. The Commission also considered a financial report from the Corporate Director, Corporate and Adult Social Services which explained:

- the financial pressures currently facing Adult Social Services
- how and why these pressures have risen
- the comparison information in terms of budget and performance
- the actions currently being taken to control the pressures
- the projected outturn and likely impact in 08/09 and 09/10.

36/07 Day Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities

The Commission considered a report from its Chair in response to a letter from a member of the newly formed Derby Families and Carers of Adult Persons with Learning Difficulties group. The letter suggested the Council has a different interpretation of the Government White paper on Day Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities and asked members of the Commission to investigate how the modernisation of the Learning Disability Day Service in Derby is being conducted. The Commission received a report of the Head of Learning Disability Services in response to the letter.

37/07 Progress report on Developing LINKs

The Adult Services and Health Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services regarding the development of Local Involvement Networks (LINKS). It was noted that LINKs formed one aspect of the Government's plans to widen and strengthen patient, user and citizen engagement. Local authorities are required to procure a host by the April 2008. the Commission was informed that the level funding to support the LINK in the city will be announced by the Government later in the year.

38/07 Consultation on the Proposed Closure of Bramblebrook House

The Adult Services and Health Commission considered its own report in response to the possible closure of Bramblebrook House. The report was based on evidence received from a variety of sources including Cabinet Member for Adult Services, Senior Assistant Director for Adult Social Services, relatives and friends of the residents of Bramblebrook House, Derby Seniors Forum and Age Concern Derby.

39/07 PPI Forum referral - Dentistry

The Commission considered a referral from the Derby PCT Patient and Public Involvement Forum asking the Commission to review patient access to dental services. This was the first ever referral by the PPI to the Commission. According to the PPI Forum majority of enquiries 61% dealt with by the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) involve patient access NHS dentists.

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47/07 Call-In

In accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule OS36, the Monitoring Officer had called in for scrutiny a decision in respect of Consultation on the Closure of Bramblebrook House Residential Home for Older People (Minute Number 119/07) made by Council Cabinet at its meeting on 27 November 2007.

21 January 2008

53/07 Third Party Feedback – Healthcare Commission

Healthcare Commission seeks views from third party's including local overview and scrutiny committees on the performance of local NHS bodies in their area. Last year this Commission submitted its comments to the Healthcare Commission on local NHS healthcare bodies including the East Midlands Ambulance Trust; Derby City PCT; Derbyshire Mental Health Trust and the Derby Hospitals Foundation Trust. The Commission received a presentation on the Annual Health Check from Debbie Widdowson, Assessor - West Midlands North, Healthcare Commission.

54/07 Proposed Revenue Budget 2008 – 2011

The Adult Services and Health Commission at its 29 October 2007 meeting and the Full Council at the 21 November meeting have both requested the Council Cabinet to explore income generation proposals and reduce pressures on the Adult Social Services budget. The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services on Proposed Revenue Budget 2008 – 2011.

55/07 Proposed Capital Budgets 2008/09 to 2010/2011

The Commission considered a report from the Directors of Children and Young People and Corporate and Adult Services on Adult Services Capital Programme 2008/09 – 2010/11.

56/07 Further Development of Home Care Services

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services on the Further Development of Home Care Services.

57/07 Joint Committee to Review Reconfiguration of Psychological Therapies Services

Derbyshire County Primary Care Trust is leading the consultation on reconfiguration of Psychological Therapies Services. The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services on a joint committee with Derbyshire County Council jointly review the proposed reconfiguration of Psychological Therapies Services.