

Time started - 5.11pm
Time adjourned - 5.55pm
Time recommenced - 6.32pm
Time finished - 7.54pm

ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION
19 OCTOBER 2009

Present: Councillor Hussain (Chair)
Councillors Keane, Turner and Winter

31/09 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nath, Hird and Tuplin.

32/09 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

33/09 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

34/09 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2009 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

35/09 Call-in

There were no items.

Items for Discussion

36/09 Councillor Call for Action

There were no items.

37/09 Budget Strategy 2010 to 2013

The Commission received a presentation by the Corporate Director of Resources outlining the budget strategy for 2010/11 to 2012/13. It was stated that this year the budget would be approached differently. The budget would be constructed by adopting a strategic approach. Previously departments had been allocated cash

limits and have had to operate within those parameters. This time all budgets have been considered within the Council as a whole.

The Corporate Director of Resources outlined the pressures on the Council that have been budgeted for such as £1.5m from 2011/12 because of a revaluation of the Derbyshire Pension Scheme and £600k from 2012/13 for the Building Schools for the Future project.

He also highlighted possible savings such as the DECATS scheme and dividing the pressures through the whole Council.

Don McLure also referred to potential budget pressures that allowance had not yet been made, for example, several social care issues and flood prevention, case law may deprive 16 and 17 year olds of Housing Benefit and instead have to be met from Children and Young People budget.

Members asked if these projections had been based on the recession continuing and when the recession would ease. The Corporate Director of Resources said that the position globally and nationally was very bad. Some economists have predicted that it could be 2031 by the time the country had paid back what it has borrowed during the crisis.

Resolved to note the presentation.

38/09 Performance Review Programme 2009/10

The Commission considered a report on the performance review programme 2009/10. It was agreed to consider the Infant Mortality at Neighbourhood level and Physical activity strategy possibly together with childhood obesity targets alongside the PCT at the next scheduled meeting of the Commission.

Resolved to note the report.

39/09 Review of Access to Healthcare Services for People with a Learning Disability – Report of Derbyshire County Council's OSC

The Commission considered a report on the Review of Access to Healthcare Services with a Learning Disability. It was agreed to consider this report in further detail with a representative from the Social Services department and the PCT.

Members suggested that relevant areas could be identified and an action plan be produced.

Resolved to note the report.

40/09 Evidence Gathering for the Review of Patient Transport Services

The Chair introduced the purpose of the review and stated that the Commission had decided to review patient transport services following complaints from members of the Disabled People's Forum. The Commission would look at the performance of the service against its annual spend. The Commission would then look at how the services were provided and gather evidence and make recommendations based on evidence on any gaps in the service.

The Commission received evidence from a wide range of people, spoke directly to patients about their experiences and heard from health professionals and other organisations. The Chair asked Derby Racial Equality Council and Derby Millennium Network for their views about the service based on their member's experiences. The Commission also asked Derby Links for their comments. Derby Links would also be conducting a survey of patients attending the hospital as well as asking their members of their experiences of using patient transport services.

The Commission also received evidence from the Passenger Transport Coordination and Strategy Team Leader on the City Council's contract with Derby Community Transport Services which provided transport for patients to visit health premises such as visits to GP's, dentists and hospital clinics.

It was agreed that draft recommendations would be submitted to the PCT for comment prior before approval by the Commission.

41/09 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items identified.

42/09 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

There were no items identified.

43/09 Responses of the Council Cabinet/Health Bodies to reports of the Commission

There were no items identified.

44/09 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were no items identified.

MINUTES END