

ITEM 4

Time commenced – 6.00pm

Time finished – 7.31pm

ADULTS, HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMISSION 19 MARCH 2012

Present Councillor Hussain (Chair)
 Councillors Ashburner, Russell and Webb

87/11 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Radford and Shanker.

88/11 Late items introduced by the Chair

The Chair agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2012 would be considered for approval as this would be the final meeting of the municipal year. It was explained that the minutes had not appeared on the agenda as the agenda had been published prior to the 12 March 2012 meeting taking place.

89/11 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Webb declared a personal interest in item 97/11 because he was a board member of Derby Homes.

Councillor Webb also declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 98/11 because he was Chair of the Liversage Trust Care Home.

On the basis that item 100/11 was likely to be orally updated to include reference to the Council Cabinet's response to the Commission's recommendation following the call-in of Council Cabinet minute 150/11 (Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Grant Aid Funding 2011-15), Councillor Webb declared a personal interest in item 100/11 because he was a non-voting member of DDREC Executive and Management Board.

90/11 Minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2012

The minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to the words 'Chair and Councillors Russell, Shanker and Webb' in the penultimate paragraph on the final page being substituted for the word 'commission'.

91/11 Minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2012

The minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

92/11 Call-in

There were no items.

93/11 Councillor Call for Action

There were no items.

94/11 Derbyshire Cluster Legacy Document

The commission received for comment a report from NHS Derby City and NHS Derbyshire County entitled 'Derbyshire Cluster Legacy Document'.

It was reported that the document aimed to facilitate robust handover arrangements during the transition of commissioning organisations and would highlight known risks associated with the changes. It was explained that the document was not designed to be a comprehensive directory of information about the Derbyshire health system, but aimed to highlight key issues around transition, signpost to supporting documentation and emerging plans and provide assurances around the controls to mitigate risk.

Resolved to note the report.

95/11 21st Century Health and Social Care Project

The commission considered a report from NHS Derby City and NHS Derbyshire County explaining a multi-agency project to respond to future opportunities and challenges of the changing health and social care landscape.

It was reported that the document had been drawn up in the context of health care providers worldwide exploring ways of delivering health and social care in challenging times. The project sought to establish a set of shared principles that Derbyshire organisations could agree to. The organisations involved were:

- NHS Derbyshire
- Clinical commissioning groups
- Derby City Council
- Derbyshire County Council
- Royal Derby Hospital Foundation Trust
- Derbyshire Community Health Service Trust
- Chesterfield Royal Hospital
- Derbyshire Healthcare Trust
- Derbyshire Health United
- East Midlands Ambulance Service

It was confirmed that the public would be consulted on the agreed principles, which would then be amended accordingly.

Resolved to note the report.

96/11 Fairer Care Funding – The Dilnot Commission recommendations

A report from the Strategic Director of Adults, Health and Housing was considered.

The report explained that a comprehensive review of how social care is funded in England was commissioned by the Government in 2010 and reported in July 2011. The report summarised the findings and recommendations of that review, with the key recommendations being:

- The contribution any individual makes towards their care, excluding general living costs, should be capped at between £25,000 and £50,000, with the commission recommending that the cap be set at £50,000
- The asset threshold above which people in residential care are liable for the full cost of their care should be increased from £23,250 to £100,000.
- People in residential care should make a standard contribution to cover general living costs of between £7,000 and £10,000
- Eligibility criteria for services should set nationally
- A new information and advice strategy should be developed
- Social care and welfare benefits should be better aligned
- Integration between social care and other services should be improved.

Resolved to note the report.

97/11 Draft Tenancy Strategy

A report from the Strategic Director of Adults, Health and Housing was considered. It detailed how the Localism Act 2001 required local authorities to produce a tenancy strategy.

A presentation was given detailing some of the key considerations relating to policy areas such as fixed term tenancies, affordable rents, homelessness and housing allocations. It was explained that the council would seek to use the strategy to achieve strategic housing goals such as providing suitable and sufficient housing and supporting those in need while also promoting cohesive and balanced communities.

The report detailed that the Act enabled several new freedoms, with the most controversially potentially being that which related to security of tenure for social housing tenants. It was explained that councils and other registered providers would be able to grant new tenancies on a fixed term basis.

Members of the commission discussed a number of concerns relating to how the tenancy strategy would be affected and the impact it could have. Specifically, members raised concerns that some of the proposals would have the unintended consequence of clustering people on low incomes in particular areas of the city.

Resolved to:

- 1. Note the requirement for local authorities to produce a Tenancy Strategy;**
- 2. Note the commission's concerns at some of the long-term implications of the proposed changes, specifically the short-term tenures and affordability issues, and the potential consequence of people on low incomes being clustered in particular areas of the city;**
- 3. Request that officers include provisions within the Tenancy Strategy to maximise availability for housing for single persons with a view to minimising under-occupancy.**

98/11 Retrospective scrutiny: Commissioning independent sector care homes for older people

In accordance with his personal and prejudicial interest declared at item 89/11, Councillor Webb left the room for consideration of this item.

A report from the Strategic Director of Adults, Health and Housing was considered. The report detailed the report considered and decision 151/11 made by Council Cabinet at its meeting on 21 February 2012.

The report detailed how Council Cabinet had agreed to invest an extra £1.425m in Derby's independent sector care homes for older people by increasing fee rates by nine per cent and 23.1 per cent from April 2012, dependent on the type of care delivered. It was also reported that Council Cabinet had agreed to allocated £925,000 of the increase from the corporate contingency budget to the Adults, Health and Housing revenue budget.

Resolved to note decision 151/11 of Council Cabinet.

99/11 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The Overview and Scrutiny Manager advised the commission of upcoming items of relevance within the Council Cabinet Forward Plan

Resolved to recommend to the first Adults, Health and Housing Commission convened following the annual meeting, or any relevant successor commission or commissions, that the following items be scrutinised by the commission in the 2012/13 municipal year:

- Transformation of housing-related support;**
- Adult Learning Service course fees;**
- Impact of change in adult social care fair access criteria from moderate to substantial.**

100/11 Response of Council Cabinet to Commission recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Manager advised the commission of Council Cabinet responses to previous commission recommendations.

It was reported that at its meeting on 21 February 2012, Council Cabinet had considered the commission's recommendation that the Strategic Director of Adults, Health and Housing be required to provide the commission with more details on which groups and projects would be affected by the reduction in the Supporting People programme before a final decision was taken. It was further reported that Council Cabinet had noted the commission's recommendation and requested officers to provide a report back to a future meeting.

In addition, it was reported that at its meeting on 13 March 2012, Council Cabinet had considered the commission's recommendation following the call-in of Council Cabinet decision 150/11, that the decision should be referred back to Council Cabinet on the basis that the decision making principle of proportionality had been breached. It was further reported that Council Cabinet had resolved to reaffirm decision 150/11.

Resolved to note the Council Cabinet's responses.

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