

COUNCIL CABINET RESPONSE TO THE REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH COMMISSION

Minutes of the Council Cabinet meeting - 19 October 2004

150/04 Modelling the Cost of Care

The Council Cabinet considered a report of the Social Care and Health Commission, regarding the work carried out on modelling of the cost of care. The model developed had three broad elements – staffing costs; non-staffing costs and capital costs. The Council had already previously reached an agreement with the independent sector on the staffing costs and the Laing Buisson model adopted for non-staffing costs. It had also recommended that the rate of return on capital should be 8%. The Commission agreed that this return on capital was reasonable in the current market.

The Commission had asked for this report to be brought to its meeting on 20 September at their July meeting, when the Forward Plan showed 22 September as the earliest date at which the decision could be made. However, the report was actually considered by the Cabinet at the 7 September 2004 meeting and the decision implemented before the Commission could consider the report.

Decision

1 To note the comments of the Commission.

2 To apologise for the early consideration of this matter, and advise them that the Council Cabinet would take steps to ensure that this would not happen in the future.

151/04 Alternative Day Services for Disabled People in Derby, Day Services and Short Break Service for Disabled People with High Level Needs.

The Council Cabinet considered a report of the Social Care and Health Commission, regarding the decision made by the Council Cabinet to award the Alternative Day Services for Disabled People, Day Services and Short Break Service for Disabled People with High Level Needs to the Winged Fellowship Trust. The Commission was concerned that it had not received a satisfactory explanation why the quality of service offered to people needing respite care had to be markedly better than those who need care for longer periods. The Commission also raised concern regarding the cost of this service compared to the existing provision to illustrate the significant difference in the cost of day care services. The Commission asked for the Director of Social Services to prepare a further report that enabled the Commission to examine whether or not the Council was sliding toward the creation of a two-tier system.

The Director of Social Services advised the Council Cabinet that in their analysis the Commission were not comparing like with like, but a further report to the Commission would provide realistic comparative data. It was suggested that members of the Commission be invited to make a visit to view the activities provided by the Winged Fellowship Trust.

Decision

1 To note the report of the Commission

2 To ask the Director of Social Services to bring a report to a future meeting of the Social Care and Health Commission to allow the Commission to examine reasons for differences in the quality of service and costs associated with short term and long term placements.

3 To ask the Director of Social Services to invite Members of the Commission and Councillor Williamson to make a visit to view the activities provided by the Winged Fellowship Trust.