

Time commenced : 5.30pm
Time finished : 8.25pm

SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH COMMISSION
28 FEBRUARY 2005

Present: Councillor Hussain (in the Chair)
Councillors Dhindsa, Jones, Leeming, Nath, Turner and Webb

Co-opted members – Elaine Jackson, Philip Johnson and Sir Michael Raymond

In Attendance: Councillor E Berry

61/04 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Liversedge and Winter.

62/04 Late items

There were no late items.

63/04 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

64/04 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2005 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

63/04 Call-in

There were no call-ins.

64/04 Review of Children Looked After Services

The Commission received a presentation from Keith Woodthorpe, Assistant Director – Children and Family Services, and Hazel Lymbery – Children's Planning and Commissioning Manager, about Children Looked After Services in preparation for the Commission's Topic Review of the service. The presentation included the accounts of two children currently looked after.

Keith Woodthorpe suggested that the Commission consider the following people to interview during the topic review:

- Representative from Children Looked After Services (Assessment and Providers)
- Foster Carers

- Young People

65/04 Supporting People Progress Report

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Policy detailing the progress made with the Supporting People programme. Andy Humberstone – Supporting People Manager, advised the Commission that the 2004/5 grant funded 183 services and provided housing related support services for 5,117 people.

Resolved:

- 1. To ask Council Cabinet to review the charging policy for people living in warden complexes and consider removing the charge for people who do not require warden services.**
- 2. To ask that Council Cabinet should require providers contracted to deliver Supporting People services to develop care plans outlining specific needs of each resident and detailing how they are going to be met.**
- 3. To recommend that each provider should be required to demonstrate that care plans are systematically reviewed to ensure their effectiveness.**
- 4. To ask the Director of Policy to report back in six months time with a further update.**

66/04 Direct Payments

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Social Services about the progress in the uptake of Direct Payments. Mick Connell – Assistant Director Community Care and Steve Sadler – Direct Payments Officer, addressed the Commission.

Mick Connell advised that the growth of Direct Payments was very encouraging. Payments were mainly taken up by disabled people, including some older people.

Yearly increases in the uptake of Direct Payments have taken place since the start of the scheme.

Councillor Webb commented that people receiving Direct Payments were generally more than happy with their chosen service. Direct Payments gave them more flexibility and choice over the service they wished to have.

Resolved to note the report and ask the Director of Social Services to thank the Direct Payments team for their work.

67/04 Third Quarter Performance Monitoring

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate Services advising the key performance indicators relating to the Social Care and Health Commission.

Resolved to continue receiving Performance Monitoring reports in the current format until members of the Commission have been able to view the format that these reports will be presented to Council Cabinet.

68/04 Co-option to the Commission

The Commission considered the co-option of Pat Hill to the Social Care and Health Commission.

Members were advised that Pat had extensive knowledge of social care and health issues through her career in social services and as the acting chair of the Central Derby Primary Care Trust. Pat had previously been co-opted to the Commission for the review of reducing health inequalities.

Resolved to recommend Council to co-opt Pat Hill on to the Social Care and Health Commission.

69/04 Matters referred to the Commission by the Council Cabinet

There were no items.

70/04 Responses of the Council Cabinet to any reports of the Commission

Council Cabinet Response to the Commissions recommendations on the draft budget 2005/6

The Commission considered the Council Cabinets response to their recommendations on the draft budget 2005/6.

Resolved to note the report.

71/04 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The Commission identified the following items on the Council Cabinet Forward Plan for consideration at a future meeting:

Reference

Decision Matter

57/04

Best Value Review of Home Care

94/04

Trainee Social Worker Scheme

58/04

Mainstream Funding for Voluntary and

59/04

Community Organisations
Joint Funding Commitments to the
Voluntary Sector

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