ADULTS, HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMISSION 23 JANUARY 2012

Present Councillor Hussain (Chair)

Councillors Ashburner, Atwal, Radford, Russell, Shanker and Webb

In Attendance - Councillors Dhindsa, J Khan, Naitta and Sandhu

69/11 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

70/11 Late items introduced by the Chair

In accordance with Section 100(B) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair agreed to admit the following late items on the grounds that they should be considered as a matter of urgency on the basis that a decision was required before the next scheduled meeting:

Housing Revenue Account Business Plan and Rents 2012/2013

71/11 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Webb declared a personal interest in item 75/11 because he was the Cabinet Member at the time. He also declared a personal interest in items 78/11 and 79/11 because he was appointed by the Council as a Member of Derby Homes Board.

Councillors Dhindsa and Sandhu declared personal and prejudicial interests in item 75/11 because they were a member and the chair of the Indian Community Centre Management Committee.

Councillor Atwal, Naitta and Shanker declared personal interests in item 75/11 because they were members of the Indian Community Centre.

72/11 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 December 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

73/11 Call-in

There were no items referred to the Commission in relation to the Call-in of a key decision.

74/11 Councillor Call for Action

There were no Councillor Calls for Action.

75/11 Inclusive Preventative Older Indian Community Day Service

The Commission considered a report which stated that in 2010 the Adults, Health and Housing Directorate sought to establish the need for a preventative older Indian community day services and wrote to a number of Indian faith and community groups about setting up a steering group to oversee the process. However, only a couple of responses were received, one from the Indian Community Centre and the other from the Asian over 60's. Only these two organisations expressed an interest in participating in a steering group. This was an insufficient volume to form the steering group. In addition, no applications were received during the recent grant bidding round to establish an older Indian community day service.

A question was asked by a Councillor at the 23 November 2012 meeting of Council requesting an update on the Indian day care service project. In response to the Council Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health, the Council agreed to refer the matter to the Adults Health and Housing Commission for further consideration.

Councillors Dhindsa, J Khan, Naitta and Sandhu had been invited to the meeting to speak on this subject and they all addressed the Commission.

They reported that work had been done to identify services needed for the older Indian community and that they believed that there was a proven case for the need for day care services at the Indian Community Centre. There was a need to capacity build in the community to help deliver such a service. It was suggested that a steering group be set up to enable this to move forward as soon as possible.

The Director of Business Intelligence and Sector Development explained what had happened over the last couple of years. Consultation had taken place but there had been a shortage of statistical evidence to support the need for the service. Only 14 names had been provided of people who would use the service. There had been an opportunity to bid into the grants system but there had not been any applications received. It had been recognised that there was a gap in service provision and funds had been set aside to meet the needs as and when a provider for the service could be found.

Commission Members suggested that the voluntary sector work with the community to set up a group to run the service because people in the community did not have the experience to do this themselves.

Commission Members also suggested that a preferred bidder be found and they be helped to put forward a bid from the community grants budget.

Resolved to expedite the proposal to establish a preventative day care service within the terms of the Compact and the community grants process.

76/11 Update on the NHS 111 Implementation

J Hutchinson from Derby City PCT gave an update on the NHS 111 pilot in Derbyshire.

Resolved to note the report.

77/11 Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board and Key Points from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

Derek Ward Interim Director of Public Health gave a presentation on the Joint Strategic Assessment and joint health and wellbeing strategies and public health in local government.

Resolved to note the presentation.

78/11 Housing Capital Programme

The Commission considered a report which stated that on-going Capital Resources for Private Sector housing had been almost eliminated following the last Comprehensive Spending Review. As a result, a very limited Private Sector Programme was again proposed based on known and anticipated resources. The resources available for the Public Sector Programme were now much more certain following the release of the Housing Revenue Account draft self financing settlement. The Public Sector Programme was therefore based on draft figures, although these were not expected to be greatly different from the final figures issued at the end of January 2012.

Resolved to note the report.

79/11 Housing Revenue Account Business Plan and Rents 2012/13

The Commission considered a report which stated that the financial system for managing the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) was about to change fundamentally.

From April 2012 the current Housing subsidy system would be abolished and replaced with a new self financing regime. This would mean that the Council would be able to retain all rents locally and no longer be obliged to pay over a proportion to the government.

The new funding regime, if managed correctly, would allow for additional resources to be invested within the HRA. The availability of such resources would, however, be highly dependent on the level of rent increases imposed on tenants.

The report set a strategy for approval by the Council to utilise any additional resources and recommended a rent increase and suggested rent policy to support the strategy.

Resolved to note the report.

80/11 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items.

81/11 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The Commission identified the following item from the Forward Plan for consideration at a future meeting:

61/11 - Commissioning Independent Sector Care Homes for Older People.

82/11 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were no items.

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