

Time commenced 5.30 pm
Time finished 8.10 pm

**ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION
22 JANUARY 2007**

Present: Councillor Marshall (in the Chair)
Councillors Baxter, Dhindsa, Dhamrait, Gerrard, Leeming,
Richards, Skelton, Turner and Webb

Co-opted Members: Pat Hill, Philip Johnson and
Elaine Jackson

Also present: Councillor Hussain

56/06 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mitchell and Councillor Harbon

57/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

58/06 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Gerrard declared a personal interest in relation to minute number 62/06

59/06 Minutes

The minutes of the Adult Services and Health Commission meeting held on 11 December 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

60/06 Call-In

There were no call-ins.

Items for Discussion

61/06 Let's Talk Budgets!

The Commission received a presentation from Councillor Hussain on the proposals for the 2007/08 budget.

The Commission discussed the following issues with the Cabinet Member:

- Charging for the 'Blue Badge Scheme'
- Increasing the staffing vacancy limit to 5%

- The introduction of cost sharing for people whose care cost exceeds £400 per week
- The reduction of placements in care homes for the elderly
- Outsourcing care packages
- The need for an 'Extra Care' facility in Derby
- The need for maintenance and repair of current care homes
- The potential overspend in the budget
- Meals on Wheels
- Adult Learning
- Consider lobbying government for increase in resources to meet the needs of growing older people's population

Resolved to:

- 1. request that the Council Cabinet reconsider it's proposals to introduce charges for the blue badge scheme**
- 2. Support the continued efforts of the Council Cabinet to secure Government funding for 'Extra Care' provision in Derby and meet the needs of the growing older people's population**
- 3. reinforce the need for the individuals' wishes to be taken into account when determining care provision whilst taking into account the financial resources of the Council**
- 4. request that the Commission be consulted at an appropriate time about the Adult Learning Budget and setting course fees**

62/06 Direct Payment Ethnicity Profile

The Commission received a report from the Corporate Director Corporate and Adult Social Services.

It was noted that the statistics for Direct Payments when broken down by ethnicity were not a large enough sample to show any conclusive results.

Resolved to note the report

63/06 Joint Commissioning Strategy for Adults with Learning Difficulties

The Commission received a report from the Corporate Director Corporate and Adult Social Services

The Commission noted the need to modernise day care services for people with Learning Difficulties.

It was suggested that the new hydrotherapy pool at Ivy House school may be able to help fulfil the Communities need for such a facility.

Resolved to note the report and commend the Head of Commissioning – Learning Difficulties for the comprehensive report.

64/06 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items.

65/06 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The Commission reviewed the January 2007 Forward Plan.

Resolved to request that the Council Cabinet defer their decision on the key decision 49/06 Joint Commissioning Framework for the Third Sector

66/06 Responses of the Council Cabinet/Health Bodies to the Reports of the Commission

Review of Self Assessment Of home Care Charges

Resolved to note the report.

67/06 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet/Council Cabinet Members

There were no items.

MINUTES END