

Time started 6.00pm
Time finished 7.54pm

**ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION
28 MAY 2008**

Present: Councillor Hussain (in the Chair)
Councillors Baxter, Marshall, Nath, Winter and Tuplin

In attendance: Councillor Skelton

01/08 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence received.

02/08 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

03/08 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Tuplin declared a personal interest as his wife works for the Public Health Team at the Primary Care Trust and his daughter is an Occupational Therapist.

04/08 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2008 were received as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

05/08 Call-in

There were no items.

Items for Discussion

06/08 Role and Remit of the Adult Services and Health Commission

The Adult Services and Health Commission considered a report of the Director of the Corporate Director, Corporate and Adult Social Services which outlined the role and remit of the Commission and identified possible items for the 2008/09 annual work programme.

Resolved;

- 1. To note the report**
- 2. To identify themes/ issues to be reviewed during 2008/09 and provide suggestions to the Co-ordination Officer, who will present these to the July meeting.**

07/08 Fairer Charging - Introduction

The Adult Services and Health Commission considered a report of the Director of the Corporate Director, Corporate and Adult Social Services which outlined the options for achieving an additional income of £2m for the full year equivalent as part of the budget plan agreed by the Council in March of this year. The Commission had consistently in the past asked that the Council Cabinet explore income generation measures to meet the budgetary pressures experienced by Adult Social Services. The Commission therefore supported the proposals to consult the public to introduce charges for home and community care services.

The Commission recommended that service users and their carers should be consulted on the proposals in writing in addition to any other measures being considered by the Council Cabinet. This would allow all those directly affected by the charges a better opportunity to express their views about the proposals.

Members also asked that a report was brought back to the Commission at the end of the consultation stage and before the final charge was agreed by the Council Cabinet to consider the options and give their considered response.

Resolved;

- 1. To support the proposal to conduct public consultation on introducing charges for home and community care services**
- 2. To recommend that the existing services users and carers are consulted in writing about the proposals to introduce charges and on the proposed rates**
- 3. To request that a report is brought at the end of the consultation stage to explain the findings and before the final charges were approved by the Council Cabinet.**

08/08 NHS Resettlement – Mental Health Core Housing Bid Submission

The Adult Services and Health Commission considered a report of the Director of the Corporate Director, Corporate and Adult Social Services outlining why the Government was seeking to address the anomaly of treating Learning Disabled people as NHS in-patients when they should be living independent lives in the community. There were 19 people in a similar situation in Derby and we had been working with Derby City PCT to bid for resources to provide suitable accommodation to meet their requirements. The commission was informed that although the Council was making the bid and would be responsible for future commissioning of this service, this was an NHS responsibility and there was no financial risk to the Council. Contractual arrangements with the PCT would be entered into to this effect. The Commission therefore supported the bid proposals.

Resolved;

- 1. To support the direction of travel of re-accommodating Learning Disabled long term in-patients in the community from NHS campus sites in the city**
- 2. To support the capital funding bid to the Department of Health to finance the required accommodation.**

09/08 Adult Learning Course Fees

The Adult Services and Health Commission considered a report of the Director of the Corporate Director, Corporate and Adult Social Services on the proposed changes to Adult Learning course fees. Members felt that the non vocational courses could help to maintain physical and mental health of the elderly members of our community. There was therefore a direct interest of the health community to be involved in this provision. The Commission recommended that the Adult Learning Service explore other funding sources to maintain or even enhance existing provision and not rely solely on Learning and Skills Council funding.

Resolved;

- 3. To note the report**
- 4. To recommend that Council Cabinet explore other avenues of funding for Adult Learning Services such as from Derby Primary Care Trust to support learning for older people.**

10/08 Health Services Briefings by Derby City's Health Chief – 16 June

This item was deferred to the next scheduled meeting of the Commission.

11/08 Items for Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items.

12/08 To identify items in the Council Cabinet Forward Plan for consideration at future meetings of the Commission

The Commission examined the items on the Forward Plan which were relevant to the Commissions remit.

Resolved to request the Mental Health Day Services report be brought to a future meeting before a decision was taken by the Council Cabinet.

13/08 Responses of the Council Cabinet / Health Bodies to any reports of the Commission

The Commission considered responses to the Psychological Therapies Services Review and the Dental Health Services Review.

Resolved to note the responses.

14/08 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were no items.

MINUTES END