

Time commenced 5.30 pm
Time finished 6.30 pm

**ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION
12 MARCH 2007**

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

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

Also present: Councillor Hussain

68/06 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Harbon, Mitchell and Richards.

69/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

70/06 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

71/06 Minutes

The minutes of the Adult Services and Health Commission meeting held on 22 January 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

72/06 Call-In

There were no call-ins.

Items for Discussion

73/06 Adult Learning

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that provided details of the Adult Learning Service Strategic Options Review.

Cath Harcula – Acting Head of Adult Learning Service, and Mick Seller – Assistant Director – Learning, reported that nationally and locally adult learning was going through considerable changes. The Commission were advised that there were

concerns regarding work force development especially for Derby City Council employees. It was noted that an option put forward by an external consultant was to dismantle the adult learning service and recreate within different parts of the Council, however it was agreed that it would be better for the service to remain as a unit.

Councillor Leeming considered that the cost of adult learning was prohibitive. He suggested that the Commission should look at the cost incurred when learning at the meeting in May 2007.

Pat Hill considered that, after reading the report, it was very much directed at the work force and was disappointed that there was no emphasis on older people. Cath Harcula reported that there was a 50% fee concession for those in receipt of benefits, regardless of their age.

Councillor Turner presented a report in his capacity as the Older People's Champion and member of the Commission that identified a link between participation in learning and health of older people.

It was reported that from September 2007 the Learning Skills Council would no longer provide fee remission for English Speakers of Other Languages - ESOL, therefore people not in receipt of means tested benefits would have to pay the same as adults on accredited courses.

Resolved

- 1. to agree the broad aims and location of the Adult Learning Service**
- 2. to agree that the Commission be consulted and is involved in the review process**
- 3. to support a review of the structure of the service, in order to meet the aims and current and anticipated demands and request that the Commission be involved in the review**
- 4. to request that further investigation take place into the possibility of obtaining additional funding to support adult learning.**
- 5. to note the Commissions concerns that the ESOL position was being reviewed and to send a letter expressing their disappointment.**

74/06 Developing Parameters for Significant Changes in Health

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that detailed the proposed form for health bodies to consult the Commission on significant changes or development in local services. It was reported that the feedback received from the health bodies had been very positive.

Resolved to adopt the form for statutory consultation by the NHS bodies on substantial variations or reconfiguration to their services

75/06 Annual Health Check

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that detailed draft comments on the performance of local NHS bodies for submission to the Healthcare Commission as part of its Annual Health Check.

Resolved to endorse the comments and submit them to the relevant health body as part of the Annual Health Check.

76/06 Monitoring Third Quarter Performance

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that detailed the performance indicators that fell within the remit of the Commission.

The Commission were provided with detailed information on two of the performance indicators:

AO/C73 – Admissions on a permanent basis of people aged 18-64 to residential and nursing care

It was reported that the indicator was poor due to an influx of admissions from the Mental Health Trust. The Commission were advised that there had been 37 admissions so far in 2007, however the section was optimistic that the set target would be met.

CP3.1dii – Emergency bed days for people aged 75 or more

It was reported that the area was a volatile one but that the section was confident that the target set would be met. An action plan had been put in place to target specific areas a copy of which would be provided to members.

77/06 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items.

78/06 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

There were no items.

79/06 Responses of the Council Cabinet/Health Bodies to any Reports of the Commission

There were no items.

80/06 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet/Council Cabinet Members

There were no items.

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