

Time commenced – 6.02pm
Time finished – 8.39pm

ADULTS, HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMISSION 18 OCTOBER 2010

Present: Councillor Skelton (Chair)
Councillors Chera, Hussain, Leeming, Lowe, Radford, Shanker
and Turner

In attendance: Councillor Ingall

49/10 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

50/10 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

51/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

52/10 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2010 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair, subject to the second paragraph of minute 38/10 reading:

“Members requested copies of the more recent documentation relating to the review that had led to the formation of the strategy as well as documentation detailing targets.”

53/10 To consider any matter referred to the Commission in relation to a Call-in of a Key Decision

There were no items.

54/10 To consider any matter referred by a Member of the Council in relation to a Call for Action

There were no items.

55/10 Health Scrutiny Updates

Members received a presentation on major trauma proposals for the East Midlands from the Deputy Director of Derby City Primary Care Trust. It was reported that there are approximately 600 major trauma patients per year in the East Midlands, of which approximately 45 are from Derby. It was explained that a new major trauma centre would be based at the Queen's Medical Centre in Nottingham, where patients who are within 45 minutes of the centre would be treated. Other patients would be treated at trauma units in the East Midlands in the first instance and transferred to the Major Trauma Centre if necessary. It was added that the Derby Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust was being proposed as the designated trauma unit in Derby City and that the final decision would be taken in November 2010, with a major trauma system to launch in April 2011. It was explained that the proposals were anticipated to be cost neutral across the East Midlands.

Members questioned why only one trauma centre was being planned if incidents of major trauma were expected to increase and was explained that the proposals had taken account of detailed capacity planning. Members welcomed the proposals.

The Commission considered a report on the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment consultation. Concerns were raised about the advertising of Out of Hours pharmacies and members sought clarification on the clinical definition of a teenage pregnancy. The format of the report was praised and it was requested that the Adults, Health and Housing directorate produce reports in a similar format. Members also requested that the document should be made easily available on the internet.

Members also discussed updates provided to them on the move of the Out of Hours Treatment Centre from Duffield Road to the Derby Walk-in centre off Osmaston road and the transforming Community Services project.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the updates;**
- 2. to recommend that the Derby City Primary Care Trust:**
 - a. investigates how out of hours pharmacies can be better advertised;**
 - b. makes its consultation document on the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment easily available on the internet;**
 - c. clarifies the clinical definition of teenage pregnancies;**

- 3. to recommend that the Adults, Health and Housing Directorate produce reports in a similar format to the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment report.**

56/10 The Future of Derby Homes

Members received a presentation from the Director of Housing and Advice Services on the future of the Housing Management and Repairs Service. The presentation detailed the options available to the council at the conclusion of the existing agreement for Derby Homes to manage the council's housing stock until 2012. It was explained that the options included renewing the Derby Homes contract, returning the functions to the council, transferring the existing housing stock in to a housing association, or establishing a Tenant Management Organisation. It was reported that the two most viable options were to retain Derby Homes or bring these functions within the Council. An initial assessment of the two options took place based on an appraisal framework including cost, quality, efficiency, tenant engagement and democratic accountability. Comments were also invited on the framework for assessing the options available.

Resolved to note the presentation.

57/10 The Future of Derby Homes – Tenants' Views

The Commission consulted representatives of Derby Homes tenants, including the Derby Association of Community Partners, SHOUT, the Derby Homes Tenant Board and Derby Homes housing focus groups on their views of Derby Homes. The representatives stated that tenants were happy with Derby Homes in its current form and that they felt it was performing well. It was added that tenants felt repairs were being carried out efficiently, that there was a good level of tenant engagement in decision making, and that the management was accessible and responsive to the day-to-day needs of tenants.

Resolved:

- 1. to receive presentation on the Family Intervention Project at a future meeting of the Adults, Health and Housing Commission;**
- 2. to recommend that the results of the "Local Conversation" exercise carried out by Derby Homes tenants should be included as part of the appraisal process for determining future management and maintenance arrangements of the council housing stock.**
- 3. to recommend that the Council Cabinet should undertake a detailed consultation with Derby Homes tenants if a decision is taken to bring management and maintenance responsibilities back in-house.**

4. to recommend that the regeneration of housing estates should be considered as part of the appraisal process for determining the future management and maintenance of the housing stock.
5. to request that officers to provide detailed information on the VAT implications of the different options for the future of Derby Homes to the members of the Commission.

58/10 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

A report detailing relevant Forward Plan submissions was provided by the Overview and Scrutiny Coordination Officer. Members noted that items 37/10 and 39/10, had been placed on the Forward Plan at short notice. Concerns were raised that as the Commission would next meet in January 2011 and these item were scheduled to be considered at the November council cabinet meeting, sufficient time had not been allowed for scrutiny.

Resolved to request an explanation as to why insufficient notice was given on items listed in the November Forward Plan for consideration by the Council Cabinet in November, as the commission next meets on 24 January 2011.

59/10 Response of the Commission to NHS White Paper

A copy of the Commission's response to the Liberating the NHS White Paper was attached to the agenda.

Resolved to note the report.

60/10 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were no items.

MINUTES END