

Time commenced – 6.01pm

Time finished – 8.57pm

ADULTS, HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMISSION 6 SEPTEMBER 2010

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

In attendance: Councillors Ingall and Webb

32/10 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

33/10 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 item:

To consider a document from the NHS on how the Commission wished to be consulted on proposals to reconfigure Children's Heart Surgery Services in England

34/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

35/10 Minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

36/10 To consider any matter referred to the Commission in relation to a Call-in of a Key Decision

There were no items

37/10 To consider any matter referred by a Member of the Council in relation to a Call for Action

There were no items

38/10 Homelessness Strategy

Members considered a draft of the Homelessness Strategy and received a presentation from the Housing Strategy Officer on the review of homelessness. The presentation detailed the vision statement and 37 actions arising from the strategy.

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

Resolved to commend the action taken so far to reduce homelessness in Derby. The Commission felt that the strategy could be further strengthened by including greater analysis of policies and actions that have been effective in tackling homelessness as well as some details on actions that have not worked. It was felt that the strategy could also include targets of what it sought to achieve over the next five years

39/10 Supporting People Strategy

Members considered a draft of the Supporting People Strategy and received a presentation from the Supporting People Manager on the consultation workshops that had assisted in the formation of the strategy.

Resolved to note the update.

40/10 The Future of Derby Homes

Members considered a presentation delivered jointly by the Director of Housing and Advice Services and the Chief Executive of Derby Homes. The presentation detailed 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 logic for creating Derby Homes in 2002 had now expired and that bringing Derby Homes back into the council would result in efficiencies of more than £300,000, strategic alignment, greater member control, better branding, streamlined decision making, a greater focus on housing management.

Conversely, it was explained that Derby Homes had an excellent reputation nationally as well as a track record for excellent performance and efficiency and that retaining Derby Homes as an arms length management organisation would result in more tenant involvement and was fitting with Government policy.

Resolved;

- 1) **To consider the options in greater detail at a future meeting including hearing evidence from the Derby Association of Community Partners**
- 2) **To recommend to Council Cabinet that long-term sustainability should be added as a key consideration alongside cost, quality, efficiency, tenant engagement and member engagement.**

41/10 The NHS White Paper – Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS

The Director of Public Health updated members on the progress of the paper, including that the health bill was expected to be introduced later in 2010.

Resolved to form a mini group, including the Chair and Vice Chair, to consider the implications in greater detail and to submit comments to the consultation paper.

42/10 Transforming Community Services

The Director of Public Health verbally updated members, advising that a written report was being compiled for the next meeting.

Resolved to note.

43/10 Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) contacts quarter one 2010

The Director of Public Health advised members that a written update was being compiled which would be distributed outside the meeting on a regular basis.

Resolved to note.

44/10 Primary Care Update

The Director of Public Health verbally updated members, advising that a written report was being compiled for the next meeting.

Resolved to note.

45/10 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items.

46/10 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

A report detailing relevant Forward Plan submissions was provided by the

Overview and Scrutiny Coordination Officer.

Resolved to note.

47/10 Responses of the Council Cabinet to reports of
the Commission

There were no items.

48/10 Matters referred to the Commission by Council
Cabinet

There were no items.

MINUTES END