

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

**ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH
SUB-COMMITTEE**

5.00pm 15 DECEMBER 2003

BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor Kielty (Chair); Councillor Meadows (Deputy Chair); Councillors Allen, Meegan, Morgan, Mrs Norman (OS), K Norman, Older, Williams and Willows.

PART ONE

ACTION

26. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

26A Declarations of Substitutes

26A.1 Councillor Allen substituted for Councillor Turton and Councillor K Norman substituted for Councillor Wells.

26B Declarations of Interest

26B.1 There were no declarations of interest.

26C Exclusion of Press and Public

26C.1 The Committee considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of any items contained in the agenda, having regard to the nature of the business to be transacted and the nature of the proceedings and the likelihood as to whether, if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100A(3) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972.

26C.2 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public not be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any items.

27. MINUTES

27.1 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2003 be approved and signed by the Chair, subject

to an amendment in paragraph 24.5. The date should read "15 December 2003".

28. PERFORMANCE REPORT

28.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Housing and City Support concerning the recent outcomes for the Directorate in relation to the national performance framework (see minute book).

28.2 Members were informed that Brighton & Hove remained a one star authority following the publication of the Department of Health's revised star ratings for councils with social service responsibility. The one star covered social services across children and adult services. The Adult Social Care Division was now judged "promising" in its capacity to improve, whereas in the previous year the prospects were judged "uncertain". Meanwhile, the Performance Assessment Framework results revealed much improvement.

28.3 **RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

29. BEST VALUE REVIEW OF CARE & SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE OF WORKING AGE

29.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Housing and City Support detailing the progress made in relation to the Best Value Review of Care & Support for people of working age (see minute book).

29.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the contents of the report be noted; and

(2) That it be confirmed that the review has been substantially implemented and that for Best Value purposes the review is deemed complete.

30. QUARTER 2 BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2003/04

30.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Housing and City Support presenting the 2003/04 quarterly performance indicator (PI) results for all indicators for which the Adult Social Care Committee is the Service Committee (see minute book). The indicators were taken from the statutory Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI) suite.

30.2 Members noted that a report would be submitted to a future Sub-Committee meeting on PI 58 (% of adults receiving a statement of their needs and how they will be met).

30.3 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Performance Indicator results achieved during the second quarter 2003/04 as detailed in the abridged Q2 Best Value Performance Report 2003/04 appended to the report be noted.

(2) That it be noted that the 2002/03 year end results have been audited.

31. FAIRER CHARGING

31.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Housing and City Support, which sought agreement to a maximum hourly rate for home care and daily charge for day care services in 2004/2005. The report further recommended setting a maximum charge in 2004/5 for service users given protection against significant increase in charges following reassessment under the new Fairer Charging Scheme. The report recommended that consultation be undertaken in relation to charging for Learning Disability Day Services (see minute book).

31.2 Members were informed that the consultation would be wide ranging and would be aimed at individuals in an accessible format. Voluntary organisations would assist in the process of consultation with service users. The Director of Housing and City Support gave his assurance that when the results of the consultation were submitted to the Sub-Committee the report would indicate the methods used to carry out the consultation. Meanwhile, arrangements were in place to help service users who found themselves in acute financial hardship.

31.3 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the maximum hourly rate for home care and daily charge for day care be increased from £14.00 to £15.00 in 2004/5;

Laura Scott-Smith
Angie Emerson
Naomi Cox

(2) That the maximum charge for protected service users be increased by £10 per week for 2004/5 and the full charge for

these service users will be introduced in 2005/6;

(3) That officers consult with people with learning disabilities, family carers and local advocacy groups regarding proposal that: in line with Fairer Charging, people with learning disabilities are assessed for charges for attendance at day services – this includes both day services provided by and purchased by the Integrated Learning Disability Service; and

(4) That the results of this consultation are fed back at the Adult Social Care and Health Sub Committee in March 2004. This allows a three-month period for full consultation to take place.

32. STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR THE RESOURCE CENTRES

32.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Joint Commissioner for Older People, the Manager of Integrated Services and the Director of Housing and City Support that provided more detailed information regarding the proposed strategic direction of the resource centres for older people (see minute book). This included the proposed discussion regarding the re-provision of respite care from the Local Authority Resource Centres to the independent sector as outlined within the Joint Commissioning Strategy for Older People 2003-2006).

32.2 The Joint Commissioner informed the Sub-Committee that the Resource Centres would enable older people to receive an holistic assessment of their needs and would allow them time to make a decision about their future care.

32.3 Members were informed that there would be a further report on the cost implications of introducing Carefirst within the Resource Centres.

32.4 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the principle and strategic direction for the Resource Centres to focus on the provision of short term care be supported;

Juliet Mellish

(2) That a full review of short term care (planned and unplanned) be commissioned across the resource centres to inform the development of a resource centre strategy.

(3) That a timeframe for the completion of this full review and development of a strategic direction be agreed.

(4) That the current and continued re-focusing of short term care provision within the resource centres, be supported, particularly in relation to hospital discharges for people for further

assessment of need, who would otherwise have been admitted to long term residential care provision. However, that it be noted that the combination of planned and unplanned care within the resource centres currently will hamper the resources centres ability to manage this as effectively as they might and therefore may affect occupancy rates.

(5) That subject to the availability of resources, the introduction of Carefirst be considered within the resource centres to assist with the provision of data and information to inform the effective capacity and vacancy management of all the beds by the central placement bureau.

33. MONETARY AWARDS FOR DAY SERVICE ATTENDANCE - ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

33.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Housing and City Support outlining the historical context of monetary awards in Learning Disability Day Services. Members were asked to consider the cessation of these monetary awards (see minute book).

33.2 Members were assured that the consultation process had been carried out in a sensitive way and had included people who currently did not receive any payments.

33.3 Concern was expressed about the arrangements relating to some people attending the Brighton & Hove Day Service who still carried out "workshop work". The Chair stated that he would like to see this matter investigated further and a report brought to a future meeting.

33.4 **RESOLVED** - (1) That in line with current thinking including the White Paper 'Valuing People a New Strategy for the 21st Century' monetary awards currently paid to 74 of the 185 people currently attending In House Day Services for people with learning disabilities should cease;

**Naomi Cox
Gail Gilbert**

(2) That payments cease completely on 31 March 2004; and

(3) That it be noted that those service users who receive this payment have indicated during the consultation that they do not want it to be withdrawn.

34. HOME CARE IN BRIGHTON AND HOVE

34.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Acting Director of Community Care which updated Members on the events that have taken place since the screening of the Panorama programme on 16 November 2003 (see minute book).

34.2 Members were assured that robust monitoring systems were in place and that the two agencies featured in the Panorama programme were not taking on new referrals, unless they could satisfy the council that they could provide a service to the same standard as other providers.

34.3 Members requested that regular monitoring reports detailing the quality and performance of the service be submitted to future Sub-Committee meetings. It was agreed that reports would be submitted on nursing and residential care.

34.4 The Director of Housing and City Support informed the Sub-Committee that since 1 April 2003, the responsibility for the registering of home care had fallen within the remit of the National Care Homes Commission. The inspection of care homes would fall under the commission's remit next year.

34.5 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That monitoring reports be submitted to future meetings.

35. MONTH 7 BUDGET FORECAST

35.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Chief Finance Officer concerning the forecast for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Budgets which had previously been reported to Policy & Resources Committee (see minute book).

35.2 The Director of Housing and City Support reported that the non-section 31 services had reduced the overspend to £402,000 at month 7. He wanted to ensure that the budget was as near to balance as possible at year end. In the meanwhile, performance had improved.

35.3 **RESOLVED** - That the contents of the report sent to Policy & Resources Committee on 10 December 2003 be noted; in particular the budgetary issues of relevance to the operation of the Sub-Committee.

36. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

36.1 **RESOLVED** – There were none.

The meeting concluded at 6.37 p.m.

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2004