

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

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

5.00pm 2 FEBRUARY 2004

BRIGHTON TOWN HALL

MINUTES

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

PART ONE

ACTION

37. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

37A Declarations of Substitutes

37A.1 Councillor Allen substituted for Councillor Turton.

37B Declarations of Interest

37B.1 Councillor Meegan declared a personal, but not prejudicial interest in item 39 as his daughter (who was not yet an adult) has asperger syndrome.

37C Exclusion of Press and Public

37C.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.

37C.2 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of item 42.

38. MINUTES

38.1 Councillor Mrs Norman asked for information about the arrangements relating to some people attending the Brighton &

**Naomi Cox
Gail Gilbert**

Hove Day Service who still carried out "workshop work". The Chair replied that a report would be submitted to a future meeting.

38.2 **RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2003 be approved and signed by the Chair.

39. PEOPLE WITH ASPERGER SYNDROME

39.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Housing and City Support detailing the progress made regarding assessment and services for people with Asperger Syndrome in Brighton & Hove (see minute book).

39.2 The Sub-Committee welcomed the report and the work being undertaken to support people with Asperger Syndrome. Members agreed that they wished to see a follow up report. The Chair informed the meeting that it would be appropriate for a follow up report to be presented to a future Joint Commissioning Board. It was agreed that an additional resolution to that effect be approved as well as the resolutions recommended in the report.

39.3 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the Sub-Committee notes the progress made, namely:

Naomi Cox

- Adult Social Care & Health have a defined pathway for people with Asperger Syndrome so that assessments can take place and eligibility to services as defined by FACS can be ascertained.
- Learning Disability Development Fund money will be used this year to appoint a part time Specialist Support Worker for People with Asperger Syndrome and their families. The role and parameters of this post have been defined.
- Helpful links have been made with local groups.
- This work was co-ordinated by the lead commissioner for learning disability in the PCT. When this currently vacant post is recruited to that the commissioner will again take a lead in this work area.
- That an educational/networking event is facilitated for councillors, members of the Joint Commissioning Board, officers, professionals and other interested parties during the coming year.

(2) That this Sub-Committee notes the continuing need of carers and people with Asperger Syndrome and Higher Functioning Autism, and looks forward to a further report to a future Joint Commissioning Board meeting detailing the work being undertaken by the Specialist Support Worker.

40. PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE ADULTS

40.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Housing and City Support presenting the current situation on the Protection of Vulnerable Adults (POVA) locally and areas of development in progress (previously known as Adult Protection) (see minute book).

40.2 **RESOLVED** - (1) That the current developments and work planned in protection of vulnerable adult's work be noted. **Brigid Day**

(2) That a Members' seminar on Protection of Vulnerable Adults (POVA) awareness and practice guidelines be arranged.

(3) That an annual report be submitted to the Sub-Committee on the work relating to the protection of vulnerable adults. The Sub-Committee will also be advised of any significant issues that arise during the year.

41. ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

41.1 **RESOLVED** – No items were referred to Council.

The meeting concluded at 6.26 p.m.

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

2004

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1972

SUMMARY OF PART 11 ITEM

42. HOME CARE SERVICES: REPORT ON MONITORING PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY - EXEMPT CATEGORY 7

42.1 The Sub-Committee considered a report of the Director of Community Care on developments in the monitoring arrangements for home care services, subsequent to the 15 December 2003 Sub-Committee report on home care. The report proposed a format and frequency for regular reports to the Sub-Committee on quality and performance issues in home care services (see minute book).

42.2 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the developments in monitoring arrangements be noted.

(2) That there be regular six-monthly reporting to the Sub-Committee on home care quality and performance using the proposed format.