

Agenda Item 3

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH COMMITTEE

5.00PM, MONDAY 31 MARCH 2008

COMMITTEE ROOM 3, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor K Norman (Chairman), Cobb, Fallon-Khan, Fryer, Lepper, Meadows (OS), A Norman (DC), Simson, Taylor and Wakefield-Jarrett

PART ONE

ACTION

50 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

50A Declarations of Substitutes

50.1 Councillor Simson declared that she was attending as a substitute member for Councillor Caulfield.

50B Declarations of Interest

50.2 There were none.

50C Exclusion of Press and Public

50.3 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 Schedule 12A, Part 5A, Section 100A(4) or 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

50.4 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting.

51 MINUTES

- 51.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2008 be approved and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendments.

Paragraph 44.5 – should read “Councillor Lepper asked if Members agreed 2.3 of the recommendations, whether *it meant that* Vernon Gardens will be sold.”

A sentence should be inserted after paragraph 44.11 stating that the Chairman was asked if Vernon Gardens would be sold if paragraph 2.3 was agreed and the answer was no”

52 CALLOVER

- 52.1 **RESOLVED** – That all the items on the agenda be reserved for discussion.

53 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

- 53.1 The Chairman welcomed Joy Hollister, who was recently appointed as Director of Adult Social Care and Housing.
- 53.2 The Chairman noted that this would be the last meeting of the Adult Social Care and Health Committee. New Cabinet arrangements would be put in place from May 2008. Members of the Committee had therefore been asked to participate in a photograph before the start of the meeting.

54 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- 54.1 There were none.

55 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MOVE TO A NEW CONSTITUTION

- 55.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Strategy and Governance, which confirmed that subject to Council approval on 24 April 2008, this would be the last meeting of the Adult Social Care and Health Committee. The report set out the arrangements for the work of the Committee under the Council's new constitution (for copy see minute book).

- 55.2 The following proposal was put to the Committee.

“That the Adult Social Care and Health Committee supports the resolution Housing Committee of March 27, 2008 in recommending that there should be separate scrutiny committees monitoring each of the functions of Adult Social Care & Health and (separately) Housing.”

- 55.3 The proposal was voted on and was not agreed. During a full

discussion before the vote the Director of Adult Social Care and Housing advised Members that there would be financial and staffing implications for agreeing an additional scrutiny committee. It was also stressed that under the new proposals the overview and scrutiny of Adult Social Care and Health issues would be undertaken by the Adult Social Care & Housing Scrutiny Committee and the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

55.4 **RESOLVED** – 1) That the requirements of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (the Act) requiring Brighton & Hove City Council to move to new constitutional arrangements, be noted.

2) That it be noted how the work of the current Committee will be discharged under the proposed new arrangements.

3) That the proposal to prepare a book to commemorate the life of this Committee be noted. (Members had participated in a photograph before the start of the meeting).

[Note: Councillors Fryer, Taylor and Wakefield-Jarrett requested that their names be recorded as having voted against the above resolutions.]

56 VALUE FOR MONEY REVIEW OF DAY SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

56.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Adult Social Care and Housing which provided an update of progress and findings of the review of day services for older people (for copy see minute book).

56.2 The report explained that Older People's Day Services provided support to Older people and older people with mental health needs from several establishments across the City. Paragraph 4 of the report set out the review findings. Paragraph 6 of the report set out the new service model.

56.3 Concerns were raised over a lack of financial detail. The General Manager, Provider Services stressed that this was the first report of the Value for Money Review of Day Services. More detail would be provided in a later report.

56.4 It was stressed that the system of direct payment should be carefully monitored to protect the interests of service users. The Director of Adult Social Care and Housing assured Members that officers took this issue very seriously and that they would carefully monitor the situation as people moved to more individual care.

- 56.5 **RESOLVED** – (1) That the overall direction of travel for the service be approved. Sam Smith
Marnie
Naylor
- (2) That progress to date and next steps be noted.

57 VERNON GARDENS RESOURCE CENTRE

- 57.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Adult Social Care and Housing which provided an update on the re-provision of residential services at Vernon Gardens, the development at Craven Vale to provide additional short term care beds and the future provision of day services at Vernon Gardens (for copy see minutes book).
- 57.2 The General Manager - Provider Services informed the Committee that in relation to paragraph 5.3 of the report, people eligible for financial support from the Local Authority would continue to have their places funded by the local authority, if the placement was relevant to their needs.
- 57.3 The Director of Adult Social Care and Housing expressed thanks to the staff of Vernon Gardens for the way they were supporting services users in moving out of Vernon Gardens and into their new homes. The Chairman also expressed appreciation to the staff on behalf of the Committee, for the way staff had treated services users with care and respect.
- 57.4 **RESOLVED** - 1) That the re-provision of day services at Vernon Gardens be approved. Anne Hagan
Laura Scott
Smith
Andy Batchelor
- 2) That following the re-provision of services at Vernon Gardens, it is agreed to further explore the option of refurbishing the building to develop extra care housing for younger people with physical disability.
- 3) That the further exploration of other options for the future of the Vernon Gardens building be supported and agreed.
- 4) That the development of 8 additional short term care beds at Craven Vale be approved.

58 FAIRER CONTRACTING

- 58.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Adult Social Care and Housing and Lead Commissioner for Older People, PCT which set out a resume of the Project Initiation Document on Fairer Contracting Care Homes for Older People and Older People with Mental Health needs. A similar report was presented to the Joint Commissioning Board on 3 March 2008

(for copy see minutes book).

58.2 With regard to the environmental performance of care homes, it was requested that contracts should request more recycling and sustainable energy.

58.3 **RESOLVED** – That Brighton & Hove City Council and the Brighton & Hove Primary Care Trust undertake joint work to produce an Options paper which will be presented to a future Cabinet Member Meeting for Adult Social Care and Health subject to the full Council approving the proposals for the new constitution on 24 April 2008.

Jane MacDonald

59 BRAMBLE RISE – FEEDBACK ON CONSULTATION

59.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Adult Social Care and Housing which detailed the outcome of the consultation process regarding 90 Bramble Rise, a Registered Care Home for people with learning disabilities, and outlined the options for the future of the service (for copy see minute book).

59.2 Concerns were raised about the proposal for the Council to continue working with Kelsey Housing Association to develop another service. It was stressed that there was a long history of their homes not being maintained and being no longer fit for purpose.

59.3 The Head of Single Homelessness & Social Inclusion concurred with the comments about the lack of maintenance in homes run by Kelsey Housing Association. He informed Members that Kelsey Housing Association was considering merging with another registered State landlord. It was important that the Council carefully considered all possible options. Meanwhile, the Director of Adult Social Care and Housing stressed that Bramble Rise was not fit for the current service users.

59.4 **RESOLVED** – 1) That the termination of the lease with Kelsey Housing Association in respect of 90 Bramble Rise and the transfer of current service users to more appropriate local services that can better meet their individual needs, be approved.

Tracy Mair

2) That officers be instructed to continue to work with Kelsey Housing Association and/or other Registered State Landlord (RSL) partners to ensure the existing asset or any capital receipt realised from it is utilised to meet city wide strategic housing / commissioning needs.

60 ITEMS TO GO FORWARD TO COUNCIL

60.1 **RESOLVED** - No items were referred to Council.

CHAIRMAN'S THANKS

The Chairman thanked all Members of the Committee for their involvement and lively debate over the last year. He also extended his thanks to The Director of Adult Social Care and Housing and other officers involved with the work of the Committee.

The meeting concluded at 7.05pm

Signed

Chairman

Dated this

day of

2008