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AT A MEETING

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**HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE
SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE**

PANEL held at the Council House,
Walsall on **Monday 6th December**
2004 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor Oliver	(Chair)
Councillor Woodruff	(Vice Chair)
Councillor Walker	
Councillor Barton	
Councillor Ault	
Councillor Robertson	
Councillor Pitt	

142 **CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP**

There were no changes in membership.

143 **APOLOGIES**

None

144 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND PARTY WHIP**

Councillor Pitt declared a personal non prejudicial interest as an employee of the West Midlands Ambulance NHS Trust

145 **WORKGROUPS CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP**

Resolved

That the following changes be noted:

Modernising Services Workgroup - Add Councillor V Woodruff
CPA Housing Improvement Work Group - Delete Councillor V Woodruff

146 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny and Performance Panel be confirmed and signed as an accurate record by the Chair.

147 Draft notes on Working Groups

147.1 Health Scrutiny 9th November

The Health Scrutiny panel had chosen obesity as the focus for the work. This will take into account other local work on the subject. The meeting on 20 December would be scoping the work. The final report regarding Access to Mental Health Services is due in January. Other issues that will be considered include Patient and Public Involvement in health questionnaire and developing a variation protocol for work with the NHS.

Resolved

That the notes on the Health Scrutiny Panel held on the 9 November be noted.

147.2 Modernising Services Work Group 1st November

The modernising services work group would be looking in detail at modernising day care services, involving carers in the discussions. It would also look at the development on the Independent Living Centre. The meeting was informed that the Independent Living Centre had secured temporary accommodation on the ground floor of Tameway Tower.

There was a discussion about the modernising of the meals on wheels service. An exercise was underway to complete an options analysis for developing the service.

Resolved

- a) That the notes on the working group held on 1st November be noted.
- b) That the work group receive a report on developing the Meals on Wheels Service prior to discussion at Cabinet, to include evidence given by trade unions and other stakeholders.

147.3 CPA Housing Improvement Work Group 22nd November

This work group would focus on the three issues;

- a) Access to housing services
- b) Information available to the public
- c) DFG/OT issues

Councillors were having informal weekly meetings on these issues and would report back at the next meeting.

Resolved

That the notes on the meeting held on 22 November be noted.

148 Budget Consultations Preparations

The next meeting on the Health and Social Care Scrutiny and Performance Panel would be considering the budget for 2005/6.

Officers would provide information about

- a. The overall financial position on the council
- b. Information about strategic choices for investment and savings
- c. As much information as possible about the directorate financial position

Resolved

That officers prepare appropriate budget information for the next meeting.

149 Forward Plan

The panel raised question about the Social Care Procurement Report due to go to the cabinet on 22 December. The Executive Director was investigating whether this was a cabinet issue or a delegated authority.

Resolved

That the Forward Plan be noted.

150 Consultations

None

151 Policy Development Issues

None

152 Local Government (Access to Information Act) 1985

Resolved

That the general public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of those items set out in the private agenda for the reasons set out therein and Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972.

153 Putting the Citizen First - Report of the Community Organisation,
Leisure and Culture Scrutiny and Performance Panel

Resolved

1. That the report be noted
2. That the Anti Poverty Unit be not included in the scope of the Putting the Citizens First Project
3. That the management responsibility and accountability of the Anti Poverty Unit be transferred from the Resources Directorate to the Health and Social Care Directorate

TERMINATION OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 8.30 p.m.

Chairman

Date