

AT A MEETING  
- of the -  
**HEALTH AND SOCIAL  
CARE SCRUTINY AND  
PERFORMANCE PANEL**  
held at the Council House,  
Walsall on **Tuesday 21 June  
2005** at 6.00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Councillor Oliver	(Chairman)
Councillor Walker	(Vice Chairman)
Councillor Barton	
Councillor Beilby	
Councillor Robertson	
Councillor Sears	
Councillor Woodruff	
Mr David Martin	(Executive Director, Social Care and Supported Housing)
Kathy McAteer	(Assistant Director)

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillor Ault, Councillor McCracken, Councillor Munir and Councillor D. Pitt.

**SUBSTITUTIONS**

The chairman advised the committee of the following changes in the membership of the committee for the duration of the meeting: -

- Delete: Councillor Ault
- Substitute: Councillor Sears
- Delete: Councillor McCracken
- Substitute: Councillor Beilby

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND PARTY WHIP**

Councillor Sears declared an interest in the Acorn Home Care; Councillor Oliver declared an interest as chairman of the PCT Board and Councillor Woodruff declared an interest as an employee of the Walsall Hospital Trust.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 April 2005, a copy having been previously circulated to each member of the panel be approved and signed by the chair as a correct record.

## SCOPING OF WORK PROGRAMME 2005/6

The chairman agreed to consider the items on the agenda headed Establishment of Sub-Committees and Work Groups in conjunction with this item.

The reports of the Executive Director on Scoping of Work Programme 2005/6 and Establishment of Sub-Committees and Work Groups were submitted: -

(see annexed).

Members noted the work of the panel during 2004/5 municipal year and noted the proposals for scoping additional items for the work programme for 2005/6 municipal year.

Committee further noted that the Community Meals on Wheels Service, although not referred to in this report had received an indepth review by this panel at a previous meeting and recommendations had been submitted to cabinet in March 2005 towards a preferred option for the service.

Consideration was given to the proposed work programme for 2005/6 and the following was:

### RESOLVED: -

1. a) That the Health Scrutiny Panel be re-established for the municipal year 2005/6 with full delegated powers to consider all matters relating to the Health Service within the borough. That the membership be as follows: -
  - Councillor D. Pitt
  - Councillor V. Woodruff
  - Councillor I. Robertson
  - Councillor R. Walker
- b) That other core members within the Health Service be as previously agreed during the 2004/5 municipal year, as follows: -
  - Director of public Health (permanent advisor).
  - Executive Director, Social Care and Supported Housing.
  - Representative from Patient Forum.
  - Representative from PALS NHS.
  - Representative from PALS PCT.
  - Representative from Independent Claims and Advisory Service.
- c) The adhoc members be a representative of: -
  - 1) The Local Medical Committee
  - 2) The Walsall Hospital NHS Trust
  - 3) The Director of Health and Social Care (PCT)
  - 4) Together with other co-options on the basis of the requirement of the work programme.

- d) That Councillor Woodruff be appointed chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel for the municipal year 2005/6; that the following dates be agreed for future meetings of the Health Scrutiny Panel during the 2005/6 municipal year subject to any changes being made by the chair of the panel: -

- Thursday 7 July 2005
- Monday 5 September 2005
- Thursday 27 October 2005
- Thursday 17 November 2005
- Thursday 12 January 2006
- Monday 13 February 2006
- Thursday 9 March 2006

- e) That the Health Scrutiny Panel appoint a vice-chairman at their first meeting.

- f) That the previous resolution to establish an annual standing conference for health scrutiny be rescinded.

## 2. Modernising Services

### RESOLVED

- a) That the modernising Day Care Services be confirmed as a rolling item on the work programme and that the modernising services working group be re-established with the terms of reference previously agreed during the 2004/5 municipal year.

- b) That the membership of the working group remain the same as previously agreed i.e: -

- Councillor Ault
- Councillor Munir
- Councillor Oliver
- Councillor Walker
- Councillor Woodruff

- c) That the officers assisting the working group be as follows: -

- Andrew Cross, Head of Older People Services.
- John Greensill, Joint Head of Learning Disability Services.
- Kathy McAteer, Assistant Director (Adult Services)
- Trish Skitt, Assistant Director PCT.
- Julie Metcalf, Joint Head of Younger Adults & Disability Services

## 3. CPA Action Plan

### RESOLVED

- a) That the CPA Action Plan working group be re-established for the 2005/6 municipal year and that the working group conclude its assessment of the Housing Improvement Plan in order that other areas within the scope of the working group could be considered i.e. Physical Disability and Occupational Therapy Modernisation.

Further resolved that the membership of the working group be as follows: -

- Councillor D. Pitt
  - Councillor M. Munir
  - Councillor J. Barton
  - Councillor R. Walker
  - Councillor C. Ault
- b) That the Regeneration Scrutiny and Performance Panel be invited to nominate their representatives to serve on the working group to enable the joint scrutiny of this issue to continue.
- c) That the officers on the membership are as follows: -
- Kathy McAteer, Assistant Director Adult Services;
  - Assistant Director Integrated Housing Services;
  - Andrea Little, Head of Supported Housing;
  - Sue Byard, Head of Strategic Housing
  - Tim Johnson, Assistant Director Urban Regeneration.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL DATED  
15 MARCH 2005 AND 27 APRIL 2005

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meetings of the Health Scrutiny Panel be received and noted.

NOTES OF WORKING GROUPS

RESOLVED

That the notes of the CPA Housing Improvement Plan Working Group held on 28 April 2005 be received and noted.

That the notes of the Modernising Services Working Group held on 15 April 2005 be received and noted.

ASSESSMENT OF DAY SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING  
DISABILITIES: REVIEW BY THE MODERNISING SERVICES WORK  
GROUP

The report was submitted: -

(see annexed).

Councillor Oliver summarised briefly the contents of the report and the working group's findings following the lengthy review of the modernisation of the day service facilities for people with learning difficulties.

He highlighted some of the key issues particularly for service users and carers as set out in the report. He outlined that Members had elicited the views of service users and carers about the planned re-provision of day services and that some concerns were raised about the possible closure of Day Care Centres and the replacement with community based services.

He emphasised the need for the council to be clear about its future strategy and on when the service would be put in place. He said it was also clear that individuals should be assessed as such and that there needs to be increased engagement with carers.

Kathy McAteer advised the Panel that new services would be developed to meet individual needs.

Councillor Oliver referred to the findings of the report set out in the buildings and stock evidence survey which had suggested that two of the three Day Care Centres were in such a state of disrepair that it might not be financially viable to keep them going.

The panel accepted the findings of the work group and

#### RESOLVED

- That the report and resolution of the Modernising Services Working Group be submitted to council as this scrutiny panels proposed action.

That the review document be also circulated to the Learning Disability Partnership for information.

#### ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICES – DELIVERY AND IMPROVEMENT STATEMENTS SPRING 2005

The report of the Executive Director was submitted: -

(see annexed)

Kathy McAteer advised the panel that the Adult Social Care Services Spring Delivery and Improvement Statement provides a comprehensive review of performance in 2004/5 and sets out performance targets for 2005/6. It also identifies priorities for improving service delivery and outcomes for clients and presents the risks and associated contingency plans.

She said that the report before the panel presents a sample of what was achieved last year in the various service areas, together with a key number of priorities for 2005/6. The whole document is available within the service area

for any members who wished to review it. She continued that the purpose of this report was to brief the panel on the progress of the delivery and improvement statement and to enable scrutiny of key performance indicators.

Members received the report, noted the achievements to date and the proposals for 2005/6.

#### SCRUTINY CHAMPIONS NETWORK

A copy of the news brief from the Centre for Public Scrutiny was submitted : -  
(see annexed).

#### RESOLVED

That the document be received and noted.

#### HEALTHCARE COMMISSION STRATEGIC PLAN 2005/8

An extract from the Healthcare Commissions Strategic Plan summarising their key activities and outputs for 2005/6 was submitted: -

(see annexed).

#### RESOLVED

That the document be received and noted.

#### FORWARD PLAN – MAY 2005

A copy of the executive's Forward Plan as at May 2005 was submitted: -  
(see annexed).

#### RESOLVED

That the information in the Forward Plan be received and noted.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members confirmed that a special meeting of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel would be held on the 25 July 2005 to consider the government green paper on Better Care Services for Adults.

Members also agreed that the next ordinary meeting of the panel will be held on 28 July 2005.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 7.00 p.m.