

**HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND INCLUSION SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL**

4 June 2007 at 6 p.m.

<b>Panel Members present</b>	Councillor	Oliver (Chair) Ault (Vice-Chair) Barton Paul D. Pitt
<b>Portfolio holders present</b>	Councillor McCracken –	Social Care, Health and Housing
<b>Officers present</b>	Kathy McAteer –	Acting Executive Director Social Care & Inclusion
	Karen Reilly –	Interim Head of Adult Services
	Steph Simcox -	Finance Service Manager
	Andy Cross -	Head of Services for Older People
	Lawrence Brazier -	Head of Procurement
	Nikki Ehlen	Scrutiny Officer
	Colin Teasdale	Performance & Scrutiny Officer

**01/07 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bird, Robertson, and Woodruff.

**02/07 SUBSTITUTIONS**

There were no substitution(s) for the duration of this meeting.

**03/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND PARTY WHIP**

There were no declarations of interest or party whip identified at this meeting.

**04/07 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

The Panel considered that the item for consideration under item 05/08 below, was exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of

the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and accordingly resolved to consider that item in private.

#### **05/07 Community Meals Gateway Review**

Lawrence Brazier presented a report on the gateway review process.

#### **06/07 Community Meals Gateway Review- Supplementary Report**

#### **Private Session**

#### **Exclusion of public**

#### **Summary of item considered in private session**

Karen Reilly presented a report outlining the outcomes of Gateway Three of the Community Meals tender and the recommendations that would go to Cabinet on 20 June 2007. Panel members asked a number of questions around the outcomes of the tendering process and officers responded to these.

#### **Resolved:**

This scrutiny panel notes that the most controversial issue in this process over the last two years has been to supply daily freshly produced meals or regenerated meals. It notes that this report and the commissioning process takes no account and makes no reference whatsoever to this issue. Scrutiny therefore expresses its disappointment that its views as expressed on several occasions, including through full council, has been given no due inclusion in the process. Scrutiny would therefore repeat its request to cabinet to identify the most advantageous method to include a daily freshly cooked option.

[Exempt information under paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended)]