

Minutes

SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HOUSING POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

19 June 2012

Meeting held at Committee Room 5 - Civic Centre,
High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW



	<p>Committee Members Present: Councillors Judith Cooper Patricia Jackson Peter Kemp John Major David Benson</p> <p>LBH Officers Present: Linda Sanders (Corporate Director Social Care, Health and Housing) Neil Stubbings (Deputy Director Social Care, Health and Housing) Charles Francis (Democratic Services)</p>	
2.	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO REPORT THE PRESENCE OF ANY SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Brar, no substitute Apologies were received from Cllr Lakhmana substitute Cllr June Nelson Apologies were received from Cllr O' Connor, no substitute</p>	
3.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS COMING BEFORE THIS MEETING (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p>Councillor Peter Kemp declared a pecuniary interest as a governor on the Board of Directors of CNWL. Cllr David Benson declared a non-pecuniary interest as a Lecturer in Further and Higher Education.</p>	
4.	<p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 19 APRIL 2012 AND 10 MAY 2012 (<i>Agenda Item 3</i>)</p> <p>Were agreed as a correct record.</p>	
5.	<p>TO CONFIRM THAT THE ITEMS OF BUSINESS MARKED IN PART I WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC AND THAT THE ITEMS MARKED PART II WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE (<i>Agenda Item 4</i>)</p> <p>All items were considered in Public.</p>	

6.	<p>REVIEW TOPICS DISCUSSION - (Agenda Item 5)</p> <p>The Committee discussed several possible review topics for 2012/13. The suggested topics included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing – Service Delivery since the return of Housing from Hillingdon Homes • Housing – Tenant Engagement • Housing - Housing and Benefit Changes and the Impact on Hillingdon Residents • Housing - The Procurement of Temporary Accommodation • Social Services – A Whole Systems Approach to Mental Health Issues <p>In discussing the above topics, the Committee agreed that Service Delivery since the return of Housing from Hillingdon Homes could be integrated within the Annual Complaints report which the Committee would consider in September 2012.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that mental health was a very important area which the Committee had not previously investigated and requested a scoping report to be prepared on a Whole Systems Approach to Mental Health Services for 31 July meeting. The Committee also agreed to look at Housing and Benefit Changes and the Impact on Hillingdon Residents from January 2013 and requested a scoping report on this to the November 2012 meeting.</p>	<p>Action by</p> <p>Democratic Services</p> <p>Service Directorate</p>
7.	<p>POPULATION FLOWS AND THE IMPACT ON HOUSING SERVICES IN HILLINGDON REVIEW (Agenda Item 6)</p> <p>Officers introduced the report which summarised the findings from the review conducted between March and April 2012.</p> <p>The Committee heard that at present, Housing Needs and Housing Benefits information had not indicated any signs of population movement. However, the Committee noted that there was anecdotal evidence to suggest limited population movement was occurring from inner London to outer London Boroughs.</p> <p>In relation to school places and the fluctuations in reception class sizes, officers explained that this was a phenomenon seen across all London Boroughs and at present there was not a specific understanding about why this was occurring.</p> <p>The Committee requested the report to be amended by including further information about school places and for the conclusions to underline that at this stage, the Committee were unable to identify an underlying cause for an increase in reception class sizes which made it difficult to predict future trends.</p> <p>Resolved –</p> <p>1. That officers be requested to amend the report as set out above and for this to be agreed by the Chairman and</p>	<p>Action by</p> <p>Democratic Services &</p> <p>Service Directorate</p>

	Labour Lead prior to being sent to the Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Housing	
8.	<p>FORWARD PLAN (<i>Agenda Item 7</i>)</p> <p>The Committee looked at the current Forward Plan and decided not to make any comments to Cabinet.</p> <p>Resolved –</p> <p>1. That the Forward Plan be noted.</p>	<p>Action by</p> <p>Democratic Services</p>
9.	<p>2012/13 WORK PROGRAMME (<i>Agenda Item 8</i>)</p> <p>The timetable of meetings and draft work programme was discussed. At the request of the Chairman and with the agreement of the Committee the following dates were moved:</p> <p>The 6 November 2012 meeting was changed to 7 November 2012 The 5 December 2012 meeting was moved to 4 December 2012 The 23 April 2013 meeting was moved to 24 April 2013</p> <p>Resolved –</p> <p>1. That the timetable of meetings and proposed draft work programme for 2012/13 be noted.</p> <p>2. That the November and December 2012 and April 2013 meeting dates be moved as set out above.</p>	<p>Action by</p> <p>Democratic Services</p>
<p>The meeting, which commenced at 7.00 pm, closed at 7.55 pm.</p>		

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