

Minutes

SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND HOUSING POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

11 December 2012



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

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| | <p>MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors: Cllr Judith Cooper Cllr Peter Kemp Cllr David Benson Cllr Sukphal Brar Cllr Pat Jackson Cllr John Major Cllr June Nelson</p> |
| | <p>OFFICERS PRESENT: Linda Sanders (Director Social Care, Health) Maira Wilson (Deputy Director Social Care and Health) Neil Stubbings (Deputy Director of Housing, Residents Services) Alan Coe (Mental Health Consultant, working for the Social Care, Health and Housing Department) Andrew Thiedeman (Service Manager Mental Health) Charles Francis (Democratic Services Officer)</p> <p><u>Also present:</u> Sandra Brookes (CNWL) Joan Vesey (NHS Hillingdon) Dr Ellis Friedman – (PCT / LBH Director of Public Health) Graham Hawkes – Hillingdon LINK</p> |
| 33. | <p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO REPORT THE PRESENCE OF ANY SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>Apologies Cllr Mary O'Connor, no substitute</p> |
| 34. | <p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS COMING BEFORE THIS MEETING (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p>Cllr Peter Kemp declared non-pecuniary interests as a member of the Board of CNWL and as a member of the Trustees of Hillingdon MIND</p> |
| 35. | <p>TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 NOVEMBER 2012 (<i>Agenda Item 3</i>)</p> <p>Were agreed as an accurate record</p> |
| 36. | <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> |

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| <p>37.</p> | <p>ADULT COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES - DRAFT REPORT FRAMEWORK & DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p>The Mental Health Consultant introduced the draft report framework and reviewed the written and witness evidence the Committee had received.</p> <p>Following discussions the following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the draft final report include a Chairman’s Foreword and Closing Word • Recommendation 1: That the first recommendation concerning a performance report produced by the Mental Health Partnership Board be moved and included at the end of the report recommendations. • Recommendation 4: That the recommendation be amended to propose improvements to crisis provision • That the draft final report include reference to the one, one, one crisis telephone help line service • Recommendation 11: That the word ‘effectively’ be added to the recommendation • That the report include the scope to improve access to information including the Council’s website and Directory of Services • That all recommendations be grouped under the lines of enquiry set out in the scoping report for the review <p>Resolved –</p> <p>1. That the report be amended for 30th January 2013 meeting incorporating the changes listed above.</p> |
| <p>38.</p> | <p>HOUSING AND BENEFIT CHANGES AND THE IMPACT ON HILLINGDON RESIDENTS FROM JANUARY 2013 SCOPING REPORT - (<i>Agenda Item 6</i>)</p> <p>The Deputy Director of Housing, Residents Services introduced the scoping report for the Committee’s second review entitled ‘Housing and Benefit Changes and the Impact on Hillingdon Residents from January 2013’.</p> <p>The Committee heard that the focus of the review would be what the Council was doing to mitigate the impacts of the proposed changes.</p> <p>During discussions, it was noted that as housing benefits would no longer be paid to landlords, it was anticipated that this would lead to a rise in homelessness. The Committee agreed it was essential for the review to have access to the most up to date statistics to enable it to make informed judgements and also ensure recommendations were based on the latest information.</p> <p>The scoping report was agreed subject to a number of minor amendments which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That a representative from a Housing Association be invited as a witness for the review • That the review have regard to Black and Minority Ethnic families where English was not their first language and the likely impact of changes to this group. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the review include the impacts to travelling communities <p>Resolved –</p> <p>1. That the scoping report be agreed subject to the amendments proposed at the meeting.</p> |
| 39. | <p>WORK PROGRAMME (<i>Agenda Item 7</i>)</p> <p>Reference was made to the work programme and timetable of meetings.</p> <p>With reference to 30th January 2013 meeting, the Committee agreed to start this meeting at 6:00 pm to consider items from the Forward Plan.</p> <p>Resolved –</p> <p>That the report be noted.</p> |
| 40. | <p>FORWARD PLAN (<i>Agenda Item 8</i>)</p> <p>The Committee considered the following briefing notes at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Member Decision Item 834 – Anti-Social Behaviour Policy for Tenants and Leaseholders • Cabinet Member Decision Item 835 – Domestic Violence Procedures for Housing Staff <p>In addition, the Committee considered the Forward Plan from December 2012 to March 2013:</p> <p>Resolved –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the contents of briefing notes 834 and 835 be noted 2. That the 30th January 2013 meeting start at 6 pm to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Item 741a – Hillingdon Housing Strategy 2012-2015 Policy Framework • Cabinet Item 813 – Tenancy Strategy • Cabinet Item 836 – Outcome of further consultation on Learning Disabilities Day Services (<i>subsequently moved to February 2013 Cabinet</i>) |
| | <p>The meeting, which commenced at 7pm, closed at 8:40pm.</p> |

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