

SUPPORTING PEOPLE COMMISSIONING BODY

MINUTES of the meeting held on Friday, 18 June 2010 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 11.35 am

Present:

Voting Members of the Commissioning Body:

Councillor Michael Gibbard (in the Chair)	Cherwell District Council
Councillor Dorothy Brown	South Oxfordshire District Council
Councillor Louise Chapman (In place of Councillor Arash Fatemian)	Oxfordshire County Council
Councillor Hilary Hibbert-Biles	West Oxfordshire District Council
Councillor Angela Lawrence	Vale of White Horse District Council
Graham Stratford	Oxford City Council
Fenella Trevillion	Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust
Graham McCartney	Thames Valley Probation Service

Officers:

Oxfordshire County Council	
Legal & Democratic Services	- Graham Warrington
Social & Community Services	- Natalia Latchkou
	Simon Kearey
Cherwell District Council	- Gillian Greaves
Vale of White Horse District Council	- Paul Staines

The Committee considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting, together with a schedule of addenda tabled at the meeting, and decided as set out below. Except insofar as otherwise specified, the reasons for the decisions are contained in the agenda, reports and schedule, copies of which are attached to the signed Minutes.

36/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS (IF APPLICABLE)

(Agenda No. 1)

Apologies from Councillor Arash Fatemian (Councillor Louise Chapman substituting in a voting capacity).

On behalf of the Commissioning Body Councillor Gibbard thanked the outgoing Chairman Councillor Hibbert-Biles for her work and support of the work of the Commissioning Body during her 2 years as Chairman.

37/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (ALL MEMBERS OF THE BODY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DECIDING WHETHER THEY HAVE A DECLARABLE INTEREST, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CODES OF CONDUCT OF THEIR OWN ORGANISATION , IF APPLICABLE)

(Agenda No. 2)

Councillor Gibbard declared a personal interest insofar as he held a monitoring role for Cherwell District Council on the Charter Housing Board.

38/10 MINUTES

(Agenda No. 4)

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2010 were approved and signed.

32/10 – Annual Plan 2010-11

At the March meeting it had been agreed that a letter should be sent to the Public Service Board regarding 'ring fencing' of funding for vulnerable people. Councillor Hibbert-Biles expressed concern that that letter had not yet been sent. The Commissioning Body noted that a draft letter had recently been circulated for comment but felt that the letter needed to state more clearly its concerns regarding funding particularly in the light of discussions likely to take place at this meeting. The Commissioning Body asked that a revised draft be circulated to members of the Commissioning Body for comment as soon as possible to reflect discussions held at this meeting and the letter submitted to the Public service Board when it met on 1 July 2010.

39/10 SUPPORTING PEOPLE BUDGET 2009-10 - FINAL REPORT

(Agenda No. 5)

The Commissioning Body noted information set out in the Supporting People Budget 2009-10 Final Report and the confirmation given at the meeting that figures could and had been rolled forward.

40/10 SUPPORTING PEOPLE BUDGET REPORT 2010-11

(Agenda No. 6)

Ms Latchkou tabled the first budget monitoring report showing the first quarter years spend.

The Commissioning Body discussed the disparity in figures between district areas.

Ms Latchkou advised that some figures, e.g. those for the Miles Project were based on it being a countywide service could not be split on a district basis. However, figures produced for the ¼ ending 1 October would be clearer.

Members considered that they needed to have much more detailed and clearer information regarding the budgetary position particularly now when public sector spending was subject to increased scrutiny and uncertainty. They stressed they were not looking to undertake a fundamental review but merely required more information.

Further discussion regarding the impact and implications of a cut in the administrative grant for supporting people and the need to make further strong representations to the Public Service Board to ring fence funding for this important area of work.

The Supporting People Commissioning Body agreed:

- (a) to note the report;
- (b) ask for more detailed information regarding budgetary issues to future meetings;
- (c) make strong representations to the Public Service Board to ring fence funding for vulnerable people.

41/10 REVIEW OF SUPPORTING PEOPLE STRATEGY

(Agenda No. 7)

The Commissioning Body received a report on the Review of Supporting People Strategy recognising that the Strategy, whilst setting strategic and financial objectives, needed to be considered in the light of future financial planning.

It was confirmed that wider consultation did not mean a statutory consultation process but more a case of testing an agreed programme on a particular group.

Members welcomed that course of action but also highlighted the need for clarity from the Public Service Board on the supporting people budget. It was imperative that this was done to enable real and meaningful dialogue with stakeholders.

The Commissioning Body agreed to note the report subject to inclusion of an additional date in the timetable for review between 3 and 17 September for circulation of the draft strategy document to the Supporting People Commissioning Body.

42/10 ANNUAL PLAN 2010-11 - PROGRESS REPORT

(Agenda No. 8)

The Commissioning Body considered a table showing progress against the Annual Plan with further information about items in the Plan which were not on track for delivery.

Mr Stratford asked the Commissioning Body to authorize further consultation with other providers to secure capital funding for the Wet House project. The Commissioning Body agreed to sanction further discussions but if no progress were made then the project would need to be removed from the plan.

It was unclear what projects were to be recommissioned but that information would be needed to take this forward.

The Commissioning Body agreed:

- (a) to convene an additional meeting of the Supporting People Commissioning Body on 4 August 2010 and to circulate the Impact Assessment to Core Strategy at that meeting;
- (b) to note the report at present and that no decisions could be taken at this stage due to the uncertain financial position;
- (c) lobby the Public Service Board regarding protection for services for vulnerable people.

43/10 QUARTERLY SERVICE PERFORMANCE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL COMPARISON REPORT - QUARTER 2 2009-10

(Agenda No. 9)

The Commissioning Body noted reports showing Oxfordshire's performance on national indicators 141 and 142

44/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE MEETINGS

(Agenda No. 10)

The Commissioning Body agreed the schedule of future dates subject to an additional meeting being scheduled for 4 August 2010 at 2 pm.

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Date of signing

