

## **ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES** of the meeting held on Thursday, 10 January 2013 commencing at 8.30 am and finishing at 10:30

**Present:**

**Voting Members:** Councillor Jim Couchman – in the Chair

Councillor Mrs Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor (Deputy Chairman)

Councillor Jenny Hannaby

Councillor Alyas Ahmed

Councillor Charles Mathew

Councillor John Sanders

Councillor Alan Thompson

Councillor David Wilmshurst

Councillor Gill Sanders

Councillor Lawrie Stratford

**Other Members in Attendance:**

**By Invitation:**

**Officers:**

John Jackson

Sue Scane

Lorna Baxter

Sara Livadeas

Lucy Butler

Whole of meeting

Part of meeting

**Agenda Item**

*The Scrutiny Committee considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting and agreed as set out below. Copies of the agenda and are attached to the signed Minutes.*

**257/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS**

(Agenda No. 1)

Councillor Richard Stevens sent apologies. Councillor Gill Sanders attended as a substitute.

Councillor Peter Skolar sent apologies. Councillor Lawrie Stratford attended as a substitute.

**258/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - SEE GUIDANCE NOTE**

(Agenda No. 2)

None

**259/12 SPEAKING TO OR PETITIONING THE COMMITTEE**

(Agenda No. 3)

Mr Michael Hugh-Jones, Secretary of the Oxfordshire Pensioners Action group, addressed the committee on the subject of the budget proposals, raising concerns about the capacity of services to meet the proposed reductions without impacting on service users.

Mr Hugh-Jones raised the additional issue that the timing of the meeting made it difficult for pensioners to attend using their concessionary bus passes, which are only active after 9:00.

The committee noted his concerns.

**260/12 SERVICE & RESOURCE PLANNING 2013/14 - 2016/17**

(Agenda No. 4)

Lorna Baxter gave an overview of the report to the committee. John Jackson supplemented this with a presentation identifying the key facts for the committee.

The committee expressed concerns over:

- The recent increase in demand and the fact that the reasons are not fully understood.
- The assumption that the trend of increasing demand for care home placements will be reversed
- The difficulties in quantifying the impact of preventative services.

The committee applauded:

- The aspiration to increase the use of preventative services and early interventions.
- The fact that the eligibility criteria for services will remain at substantial/critical.
- The actions in place to alleviate demand-led pressures, including the Discharge to Assess programme.
- The move towards a mixed provision of residential care, with greater emphasis on Extra Care Housing.

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- The aspiration to produce a robust model to estimate future demand.
- The aspiration to better understand the impact of preventative services.

The committee AGREED the proposals outlined in the paper, and made the additional recommendation that:

- The pressure included in error (Increase in Care Home Fees - 14SCS11) should be removed from the papers with the savings absorbed in the older people's pool (14SCS5).

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Date of signing