

ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on Monday, 9 May 2011 commencing at 1.00 pm and finishing at 2.33 pm

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor Don Seale – in the Chair

Councillor Nick Carter (In place of Councillor Alan Thompson)

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

Councillor Jenny Hannaby

Councillor Tim Hallchurch MBE

Councillor Larry Sanders

Councillor Dr Peter Skolar

Councillor Richard Stevens

Councillor Lawrie Stratford (In place of Councillor Anthony Gearing)

Councillor David Wilmshurst

Other Members in Attendance: Councillor Arash Fatemian, Cabinet member for Adult Services (for Agenda Item)

Officers:

Whole of meeting

J. Jackson, Director for Social & Community Services; B. Dimmock-Smith & S. Whitehead (Chief Executive's Office)

The Scrutiny Committee considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting, together with the following additional documents: draft Cabinet minutes of 19 April 2011 and agreed as set out below. Copies of the agenda, reports and additional documents are attached to the signed Minutes.

135/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS

(Agenda No. 1)

Apologies for absence and temporary appointments were received as follows:

| Apology From | Temporary Appointment |
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| Councillor Anthony Gearing | Councillor Lawrie Stratford |
| Councillor Alan Thompson | Councillor Nick Carter |

136/11 CALL IN OF CABINET DECISION - CHANGES TO THE INTERNAL HOME SUPPORT SERVICE

(Agenda No. 4)

The Scrutiny Committee had before it the report of the Director for Social and Community Services to Cabinet on 19 April 2011 together with the draft minutes of that meeting. The Committee agreed to consider the two parts of the call in separately.

Part 1 of the Call in (adequate consideration of alternative ways of delivering this service)

Councillor Sanders spoke in support of the call in being referred back to Cabinet for further consideration. He summarised his concerns as the future needs had not been considered – Cabinet’s decision was based on past needs and with major changes in adult social care there were too many unknowns and therefore longer timescales were required.

Councillor Stevens also spoke in support of the call in. He was concerned that the one page Option Appraisal (Annex 2 of the Cabinet paper) was too brief, that there was not enough evidence to rule out options, that Option C,D and E were analysed from an anti TUPE point of view and that Social Enterprise had not been fully explored.

In response, the Cabinet Member for Adult Services confirmed that he was satisfied that Cabinet had had all the relevant information and that the decision had been based on that information. He believed that the decision was sound.

The Director for Social and Community Services explained the context for the decision; details of the work that had been undertaken as part of the optional appraisal and reminded the Scrutiny Committee of the Cabinet paper of 21 December (copies were made available to this Committee).

Following debate by the Committee of the issues raised Councillor Stratford proposed that the Committee agree they have no material concerns over the Cabinet decision.

RESOLVED: (8 votes to 2) not to refer the decision back to Cabinet as the Committee had no material concerns about the decision.

Part 2 of the Call in (agree protocols for monitoring the provision of Home Support in the future)

Councillor Stevens spoke in support of the call in being referred back to Cabinet for further consideration. He asked for more detail as to how and when monitoring would be undertaken.

The Director for Social and Community Services provided an overview of the monitoring arrangements that were already in place. The Cabinet Member reminded members that an update report was due to this Committee in December and that a standing item could be included for future meetings. The Director for Social and Community Services responding to suggestions from the Chairman has to ways in which the monitoring information could be verified welcomed the possible involvement of LINKs.

Councillor Seale confirmed the Committee would return to this subject at regular intervals and that the Director would provide updates through his regular Director's briefing to this Committee.

Councillor Seale proposed that the Committee agree they have no material concerns over the Cabinet decision and it was:

RESOLVED: (8 votes to 2) not to refer the decision back to Cabinet as the Committee had no material concerns about the decision.

..... in the Chair

Date of signing