



Minutes

Name of meeting	HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING SCRUTINY PANEL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY. 2 NOVEMBER 2011 COMMENCING AT 5.10PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Margaret Webster (Chairman), Arthur Taylor, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow
	<u>Co-opted Member</u> (Non-Voting)
	Cllr David Williams (Hampshire Police Authority)
Cabinet Member	Cllr Roger Mazillius
Officers Present	Ian Anderson. Mark Howell, Paul Thistlewood
Apologies	Mr Paddy Noctor (Local Involvement Network)

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RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [7 September 2011](#) be confirmed.

15. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Cllr Margaret Webster declared a personal interest in Minute 17 as her son in law was an employee of Wightcare.

16. [Housing and Homelessness](#)

The Committee received a powerpoint presentation from the Head Of Commissioning regarding activities across the housing and homelessness service. This had been requested as the result of discussions at the last meeting on the quarter 1 performance report.

Mr Howell outlined the background to the Island HomeFinder system which went live in April 2010. This was an initiative with Medina Housing, South Wight Housing and Vectis Housing Associations. There were 5788 active applications at the time of the meeting and a breakdown of those in each of

the five bands was given together with an analysis by gender, age and disability. The bidding process was explained. This placed the emphasis on the applicant to express an interest in properties that became available to rent. In addition to the working with housing associations there was partnership working with the private sector.

The importance of preventative work was stressed. Initiatives included assisting with rent deposits, rent advances, assisting with arrears and working with officers within benefits, health and adult social care.

The trends and causes of homelessness was highlighted. The three main causes were family evictions, notice being served and relationship breakdown. There were 134 people in temporary accommodation.

Members indicated that some concerns were being raised about mainland people re-housed on the Island. Officers reassured the Committee that this was a myth and that as part of the allocation process an applicant had to demonstrate a local Island connection. There was also a specific local letting policies in place for the schemes at Pan and East Cowes. Additionally the Council was not involved in any land deals whereby properties were to be built for mainland people. It was noted however that the Council could not prevent any person from moving to the Island or being included on the housing list although they would not be accorded a priority banding. Clarification was also given by officers on the right to buy provisions.

The Cabinet Member indicated that the Council's Housing Service was still delivering a high quality service despite having to make budget savings. He suggested that panel members may wish to attend the meeting of the Strategic Housing Partnership being held on 15 December 2011.

RESOLVED :

- a) THAT the following details be circulated to members of the Panel :
 - i. The HomeFinders scheme;
 - ii. Examples of how the bandings were applied;
 - iii. The upper age limit for boys and girls sharing a bedroom.
- b) Arrangements be made for the Panel to attend the Strategic Housing Partnership meeting on 15 December 2011.

17. **Budget and Performance**

a. **Quarterly Performance Management Report – Quarter 2 2011/12**

The Panel noted that the quarter 2 information was still being collated. The Strategic Director indicated that he was not aware of any problems being identified over the previous three months. The full details would be submitted to the meeting on 11 January 2012.

RESOLVED :

THAT the update be noted.

b. **Budget 2011/12 and 2012/13**

(During the debate on the following item Cllr Arthur Taylor declared a personal interest as his daughter was employed at Westminster House)

The Strategic Director stated that, as reported to the last meeting, it was still predicted that there would be an underspend in the supporting older and vulnerable residents for 2011/12.

Work on the areas that were being investigated for possible savings in 2012/13, as reported to full Council on 21 September 2011, was progressing. Due to the lack of clarity on national changes from the Department of Health the transfer of responsibility for the first day care packages from hospital discharges there was a delay in dealing with this particular issue.

The Cabinet Member referred to the effective involvement of staff at Westminster House, the Gouldings and the Adelaide in looking at new ways of service delivery that would also assist in budget reductions.

RESOLVED :

THAT the report be noted.

18. **Health and Wellbeing Board**

As part of the proposed reforms contained within the Health and Social Care Bill was the establishment of Health and Wellbeing Boards. The Strategic Director outlined the role of the Board and its membership. It had met on three occasions in shadow form pending the Bill receiving Royal Assent which was anticipated at the end of the year.

It was noted that the membership of the Board was wider than the minimum requirements. This would help ensure that it looked at broader health issues.

Partner agencies all be required to give formal approval to the terms of reference for the Board. It was intended that full Council's approval would be sought at its meeting on 25 January 2012.

The Panel believed that it was vital to build a good working relationship with the Board together with an effective understanding of each other's role. The Commissioning Strategy would be key in service delivery. This would be informed by the content of the recently published Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

RESOLVED :

- a) THAT the representatives of the Clinical Commissioning Group be invited to an informal meeting of the Panel and that this be open to any other interested member of the Council.
- b) THAT the draft terms of reference for the Isle of Wight Health and Wellbeing Board be approved.

19. **Forward Plan**

The Panel was made aware of the work being undertaken on the future of public records on the Island. This was due to be the subject of a delegated decision by the end of November 2011.

RESOLVED :

THAT the matter be noted.

20. **Progress Report on Recommendations**

The main issue that was still outstanding was the final decision of the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts on the review of children's congenital heart services.

RESOLVED :

THAT the report be noted.

21. **Members Question Time** ([Recording 1](#) and [2](#))

The Cabinet Member asked a question in relation to the vacancies on the Panel. He was advised on how the seats on the Panel were allocated.

CHAIRMAN