



Minutes

Name of meeting	HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING SCRUTINY PANEL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2011 COMMENCING AT 5.00PM
Venue	COMMITTEE ROOM ONE, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Margaret Webster (Chairman), Ian Stephens, Arthur Taylor, Ian Ward
Co-opted Members (non-voting)	Mr Paddy Noctor (Local Involvement Network) Cllr David Williams (Hampshire Police Authority)
Officers Present	Ian Anderson, Chris Mathews, Paul Thistlewood
Other Members present	Cllr Ivor Warlow

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RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [1 June 2011](#) be confirmed.

8. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Cllr Margaret Webster declared a personal interest in Minute 11 due to her son in law's future employment with Wightcare.

Cllr Ian Stephens declared a personal interest in Minute 11 due to him being a member of Friends of the Adelaide Club.

9. **Health Scrutiny**

(a) [Review of Children's Congenital Heart Services](#)

The Panel was advised of three key documents that had been published following the end of the consultation period in respect of the national review of children's congenital heart services.

Of particular importance was a letter that had been sent by Jeremy Glyde, Safe and Sustainable Programme Director, to Sir Neil McKay, Chair of the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts (JCPCT) dated 1 September 2011. This

acknowledged that Southampton was the only unit that could comply with the retrieval standards, stipulated by the Paediatric Intensive Care Society, for Island patients. A paper had also been prepared by the Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust which summarised the issues affecting the retrieval of critically ill children from Island. It was believed that if the JCPCT failed to take this matter fully into account when reaching its decision as to the future provision of units the review process would be fatally flawed.

The Panel welcomed the acknowledgment that the retrieval times from the Island had been overlooked during the initial review process and subsequent consultation. It was hoped that this would ensure that the unit at Southampton would be retained.

RESOLVED :

THAT the letter from the Safe and Sustainable Programme Director to the Chair of the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts be welcomed and the conclusions contained in the paper by Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust be fully supported.

(b) Isle of Wight NHS Trust Status

The Chairman indicated that she had been advised that there will be need for the Panel to give consideration to the proposed application by the IW NHS to obtain Trust status. It would be required to give a formal view on this by the 31 October 2011. To assist in this process it was intended that a special briefing would be provided for the Panel.

The next formal meeting would be on 2 November 2011 but it was thought that it may be more appropriate for this to be dealt with by way of an informal briefing. It was suggested that such a briefing could be open to all members of the Council due to it being of a wider interest.

RESOLVED :

THAT a briefing be arranged on the proposals for Trust status to which all members of the Council should be invited to attend.

10. Adult Safeguarding

The Panel indicated that a great deal of attention had been focussed on children's safeguarding. It wished to discuss the arrangements that were in place for adult safeguarding so it could be assured that these were robust.

The Strategic Director for Community Wellbeing and Social Care advised that safeguarding arrangements for adults differed from those for children. Whilst other partners had fully embraced child protection as a key priority there was a need for adult protection to be afforded the same emphasis. The current restructuring of the Council's social care arrangements would assist in this aim. Members believed that the Corporate Plan should include more detail about the Council's role in safeguarding vulnerable adults although it was accepted that this was contained within the priority of supporting older and vulnerable residents. Unlike child protection there were no national indicators. The Panel noted that due to the need to concentrate resources on operational areas the Adult Safeguarding Board's Annual Report had been delayed.

Members highlighted an apparent lack of awareness by the public in who to contact when there were concerns about possible adult abuse. There did not appear to be the national campaigns highlighting services offered by relevant agencies and charities that existed for children's safeguarding. The Council did not have funding to undertake specific campaigns.

Carol Alstrom, Chief Nurse – Isle of Wight NHS/PCT, outlined adult safeguarding arrangements from the health service perspective. All staff received basic awareness training which included e-learning. The Care Quality Commission (CQC) included adult safeguarding arrangements within its overall inspection arrangements.

The Strategic Director advised that the Council had not been the subject of a comprehensive inspection on adult safeguarding.

RESOLVED :

THAT the Strategic Director for Community Wellbeing and Social Care should ascertain if relevant information on adult safeguarding services could be included in a future edition of One Island.

11. Performance and Budget ([Recording 1](#) and [2](#))

(During the course of the debate on the following item Councillor Arthur Taylor declared a personal interest as a relation of his was employed at Westminster House)

Consideration was given to the relevant performance and financial information for quarter 1 in 2011/12 as submitted to the Cabinet on 16 August 2011. In addition the key budget issues as reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 28 July 2011 were discussed.

The budget forecast for supporting older and vulnerable residents indicated a likely underspend of £780,000. The Panel believed that as services were demand led this may reduce. The Strategic Director advised that whilst any savings would normally be used corporately it was possible for a sum of money to be carried forward to the following year if a case could be made for service provision.

All performance targets within the corporate priorities of supporting older and vulnerable residents and housing and homelessness were being met. With regard to housing the Panel sought clarification on the definition of affordable housing. Additionally it identified a wish to have a more detailed briefing on activities across the housing and homeless service.

An update on discussions being held with community groups regarding future library provision. It was anticipated that negotiations regarding leases of property would be concluded by the end of September 2011. The Panel was made aware that the costs of maintaining the services at those libraries whilst arrangements were finalised with the interested community groups would be met from the overall savings already identified in the library budget.

The outsourcing of the Ventnor Botanic Garden was shortly to be concluded by way of a cabinet member delegated decision. The progress with Dinosaur Isle was not so advanced but as the attraction was more effective in generating income there was not the same pressure to ensure an expedited outcome.

The Strategic Director reported that options for the relocation of the Record Office were being investigated. The Council had been served with a notice indicating that the current facility was not to the required standard. This meant that unless action as taken a number of records would be removed and deposited at other facilities on the mainland. The Council would then be required to pay the costs of this.

With regard to moving all customers onto Direct Payments this would lead to the Council identifying where services could be obtained rather than supplying these.

RESOLVED :

- (i) THAT the Strategic Director circulates the official definition of affordable housing to Panel members.
- (ii) THAT a report be submitted to the next meeting on activities within the housing and homeless service.

12. **Forward Plan**

The Panel was advised of the relevant items that were contained within the September to December 2011 Forward Plan. A number of these had already been touched upon during the meeting.

RESOLVED :

THAT the items be noted.

13. **Progress Report on Recommendations**

The Panel was advised that the current progress with regard to its actions/recommendations would now be reported on future agendas. This would help ensure that matters could be monitored and followed up where necessary.

RESOLVED :

THAT the progress report be noted.

CHAIRMAN