Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Care) Proposals Working Group

17th December 2009, 2pm Democratic Services Meeting Room, Civic Hall, Leeds

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Members:

Cllr. Judith Chapman (JC) (Chair) Cllr Clive Fox (CF) Cllr Penny Ewens (PE)

Officers:

Dennis Holmes (DH) - Deputy Director Strategic Commissioning Ann Hill (AH) - Head of Finance Julie Hatton (JH) - Head of Passenger Transport Richard Mills (RM) Principal Scrutiny Advisor

Interests Declared – None

NO.	ITEM	ACTION
1	Independence Wellbeing and Choice Inspection Action Plan	
	DH reported that all the indicators in the Independence Wellbeing and Choice Inspection Action Plan were either completed or on target.	
	DH stated that this will now be subsumed into the Case Quality Commission (CQC) in March 2010.	
4	He reported that the Safeguarding Board was operating extremely well. It was planned to expand its membership by adding a representative from the clinicians and the fire service. This initiative had caused a ripple effect with a number of organisations establishing internal safeguarding groups. He made particular reference to the West Yorkshire Police Authority which had established an overarching internal Safeguarding Board for children and adult services covering all 9 police areas.	
	Members felt that other departments could learn from the actions and initiatives undertaken by the department including the establishment of a scrutiny working group to monitor and press progress to achieve the targets set. Members thanked everyone concerned for such a positive outcome.	
	It was agreed that (DH) continue to provide the Chair of the Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Care) with a monthly report on the Independence Wellbeing and Choice Inspection Action Plan until it is subsumed into the CQC in March 2010.	DH JC

2	Passenger Transport - Day Centres	
	Members considered a report by the Director of Resources in response to queries raised by Members of the Working Group with regard to costs for transport to day centres.	
	The report also provided members with information on progress to date on delivering value for money in Passenger Transport Services and options for further improvements.	
	(JH) and (AH) introduced the report and responded to Members questions.	
	CF asked whether the figure he had seen of $\pounds 92,000$ for transporting people to Otley day centre was a correct figure as this worked out at a cost of $\pounds 80$ a journey. AH responded and said that the actual projected cost for 2009/10 was $\pounds 9,000$ as shown in the report. Historically, she explained there were a number of part time day centres operating in the city and the total cost before apportionment was around $\pounds 90,000$. There were issues about the accuracy of the figures and some chargeable costs were disproportionate to the true activities. CF accepted the explanation.	
	It was agreed to note the report and in particular that the method of apportionment was to be revised during the 2010/11 budget setting process to reflect a more accurate service provision.	AH
3	Attendance /Introductions /Apologies	
	The above attendance was noted.	
	Apologies were received from Joy Fisher (JF)– Co – opted member and Sally Morgan (SM) – Co- opted member	
4	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
4	The minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2009 were received and approved.	
	Comments on the Minutes	
	None	
5	Proposals Working Group	
	It was agreed that no further meeting of this Working Group was necessary at	
	the present time.	