

SCRUTINY BOARD (ADULT SOCIAL CARE)

TUESDAY, 11TH MAY, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor J Chapman in the Chair

Councillors B Chastney, P Ewens,
Mrs R Feldman, C Fox, V Morgan and
E Taylor

C0-OPTEES J Fisher and S Morgan

106 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the final meeting of the Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Care) for the 2010/11 Municipal Year and expressed her thanks to all Board Members for their support and hard work during the year.

Congratulations were made to officers in Adult Social Care as the Social Care Institute of Excellence had acknowledged their Dignity in Care Campaign as an example of good practice.

107 Declarations of Interest

The following personal declarations of interest were made:

- Councillor J Chapman as she has a family member employed in a local care capacity (Agenda Item 9) (Minute No 113 refers)
- Councillor P Ewens in her capacity as a Member of the Cardigan Centre (Agenda Item 9) (Minute No 113 refers)
- Councillor E Taylor due to her employment with NHS Leeds (Agenda Item 9) (Minute No 113 refers)
- J Fisher in her capacity as a service user and voluntary sector representative (Agenda Item 9) (Minute No 113 refers)
- S Morgan in her capacity as a service user (Agenda Item 9) (Minute No 113 refers)

108 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Andrew, Gabriel and Hanley.

109 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

110 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Draft minutes to be approved at the next meeting

Minute No 100 – Adult Social Care Commissioning Update

The Chair welcomed Dennis Holmes, Deputy Director - Adult Social Services to the meeting. The Board was given an update on the position with the review of commissioning for Neighbourhood Networks. The Board was informed that it was intended to present an updated report to the Executive Board in July 2010. Contracts for the current Neighbourhood Networks have been extended for 3 months until July in the first instance and, if required, then for a further three months until October 2010 and it would be ensured that all 99 Elected Members would be kept appraised across the City.

(Councillor Fox joined the meeting at 10.10 a.m. during the discussion on this item).

111 Inquiry into Transitional Arrangements for Disabled Young People into Adult Social Care

The report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development referred to the Board's recent Inquiry into Transitional Arrangements for Disabled Young People into Adult Social Care and a copy of the final draft scrutiny inquiry report was included with the agenda.

It was reported that the draft report had been circulated to relevant officers and the Executive Member for Adult Health and Social Care who had all accepted the recommendations within.

RESOLVED – That the inquiry report on Transitional Arrangements for Disabled Young People into Adult Social Care be agreed.

112 Statement on the Independence Wellbeing and Choice Action Plan

The report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development referred to the Independence, Wellbeing and Choice Report and subsequent Action Plan that had been monitored by the Board's Proposals Working Group. A draft statement had been included in the report which outlined the findings and recommendations of the Proposals Working Group.

Dennis Holmes addressed the Board. He reported that there was no longer a requirement for intensive oversight of safeguarding in the City and that in terms of monitoring from the Care Quality Commission (CQC), this would now proceed in the standard way for an authority with a good rating. Future aspirations included achieving excellent status.

Improvements in standards had been achieved ahead of schedule and congratulations were made to all concerned.

RESOLVED – That the statement on the monitoring of the Independence Wellbeing and Choice Action Plan be approved.

113 Annual Report

The report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development contained the Board's proposed submission to the Annual Scrutiny Report to Council.

Members discussed the report and requested that the future scrutiny of Homecare Provision be included for the Board's work programme.

The Chair expressed thanks to all that had been involved in the scrutiny process for their support and hard work.

RESOLVED – That paragraph 3.2 of the report be noted and the Board's contribution to the composite Annual Report be approved.

114 Work Programme

The report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development summarised the Board's Work Programme and also included the latest Forward Plan of Key Decisions and Executive Board Minutes.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted