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**Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Care)**

**Date: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

**Subject: Request for Scrutiny from UNISON and others - Closure of Mental Health Services**

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**Electoral Wards Affected: All**

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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**1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 The attached request for scrutiny has been received from UNISON concerning the closure of two mental health day centres. The reasons stated for the request are outlined in the attached paper (Appendix 1).
- 1.2 The matters relating to the Crisis Centre have been dealt with by the Call In meeting of 4th March 2011. Therefore the matters at issue today are;
- Potential failures of the Executive Board process with regards to the day centre report
  - Failure to properly equality impact assess the proposals to decommission two mental health day centres
- 1.3 In addition, the Scrutiny Unit office has received 28 individual requests for Scrutiny from the members of the public. The reasons cited for the request for Scrutiny are;
- That the i3 document used by Adult Social Care in the deliberations to close the day centres states that there should be no closures
  - The lack of appropriate consultation
- 1.4 Representatives from Leeds UNISON have been invited to attend today's meeting to put its case for scrutiny of this issue.

## **2.0 Initial Officer Advice**

- 2.1 By way of background the following decision was taken by Executive Board on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011

RESOLVED -

- (a) That the contents of the submitted report be noted.
- (b) That approval be given to the reconfiguration of the directly provided mental health day services along the lines envisaged in the i3 service model, which will consolidate buildings based services on one site, enabling cost efficiencies whilst also delivering a modernised and enlarged community focused service. (Paragraphs 3.1.1 to 3.1.11 of the submitted report refer).
- (c) That in order to assist the process detailed at resolution (b) above, approval be given to beginning a personalised consultation with service users on how their needs are best met within the new service model, with appropriate levels of consultation with staff and Unions following and with service changes to be completed between July and September 2011 in order to allow time to arrive at individual agreements with service users over their future needs and that there be no closures until alternative services are available and in place. (Paragraphs 3.2.1 to 3.2.5 of the submitted report refer).
- (d) That approval be given to the establishment of a Stakeholder Involvement Group as described in paragraph 3.2.5 of the submitted report, which will meet regularly as implementation is put under way.
- (e) That a further report in relation to how the service model has been implemented and how service users have moved into their new support arrangements be submitted to Executive Board in November 2011.
- (f) That approval be given to the decommissioning of existing mental health day services across the internal and third sectors, and that approval also be given to the tendering of new, modernised services across the care pathway (as detailed within the 'i3 Project Final Report'), which are fit for purpose, with this beginning in February 2011. (Paragraphs 3.4.1 to 3.4.5 of the submitted report refer).
- (g) That approval be given to the consideration of options for the future provision of supported accommodation services in line with Best Value, with a further report and recommendations being submitted to Executive Board in July 2011. (Paragraphs 3.5.1 to 3.5.3 of the submitted report refer).

(Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.5, Councillors A Carter and Golton required it to be recorded that they voted against the decisions taken within this minute)

- 2.2 In order to assist Members in determining whether they wish to undertake any further Scrutiny on this matter, the Chair has invited officers from Adult Social Care and the Equalities Team to today's meeting to answer any preliminary questions Board members may have.

## **3.0 Options for Investigations and Inquiries**

- 3.1 When considering the request for Scrutiny, the Scrutiny Board shall determine:
- what further information the Board needs before considering whether an inquiry should be undertaken

- whether the Inquiry can be adequately resource
- whether an Inquiry should be undertaken

#### **4.0 Recommendations**

4.1 The Scrutiny Board is asked to:

- (i) Consider the request for Scrutiny
- (ii) Determine whether it wishes to undertake further scrutiny of this matter.

Background Papers

Executive Board minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> February 2011