

Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

17 October, 2006

Agenda

The Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **TUESDAY, the 17 OCTOBER, 2006 at 10.00 a.m.**

The agenda will be:-

1. General

- (1) Apologies for absence**
- (2) Members' Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

Note: Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a prejudicial interest the Member must withdraw from the room unless one of the exceptions applies.

Personal interests relating to any item on the agenda arising by virtue of the members serving as District/Borough councillors are declared below:-

Councillor Les Caborn, Member of Warwick District Council.
Councillor Jose Compton, Member of Warwick District Council.
Councillor Richard Dodd, Member of Rugby Borough Council.
Councillor Susan Main, Member of Stratford-on-Avon District Council.

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Councillor Mick Stanley, Member of North Warwickshire Borough Council.
Councillor Ray Sweet, Member of North Warwickshire Borough Council.
Councillor Sid Tooth, Member of North Warwickshire Borough Council.

(3) Minutes of the Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting held on the 20 September 2006 (copy attached)

2. Public Question Time

Up to 30 minutes of the meeting is available for members of the public to ask questions on any matters relevant to the business of the Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Questioners may ask two questions and can speak for up to three minutes each.

To be sure of receiving an answer to an appropriate question, please contact Ann Mawdsley on 01926 418079 or e-mail annmawdsley@warwickshire.gov.uk at least five working days before the meeting. Otherwise, please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting and ensure that Council staff are aware of the matter on which you wish to speak.

ITEMS FOR SCRUTINY

3. Performance Reporting

Report of the Strategic Director of Adult, Health & Community Services

This report outlines arrangements for reporting performance within the Adult and Community Services Directorate.

Recommendation

Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the context of this report and the intention to further reports on a regular basis.

For further information please contact Graeme Betts, Strategic Director of Adult Health and Community Services, Tel: 01926 412464 E-mail graemebetts@warwickshire.gov.uk.

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4. Fairer Charging – Care at Home Services

Report of the Strategic Director of Adult, Health & Community Services

This report sets out proposals for a revised charging policy.

Recommendation

That Members discuss and comment on the following recommendations in relation to a new charging policy to be submitted for approval to Cabinet on 23 November 2006:

- (1) Increase “buffer” to Income Support + 40% and increase the charge to £8.70, half way between our current charge and the group average.
- (2) Charging on planned hours is continued at the present time but a review of this decision is taken when the electronic time recording system is in place. In the meantime remove what is now seen as inconsistency with our banded charges and charge on the basis of a standard hourly rate rounded to the nearest half hour.
- (3) That we do not increase the savings figure from the current level of £21,000 but that this is increased annually in April in line with CRAG guidance.
- (4) That for the time being we do not charge a higher rate for service users who receive more than 18 hours home care.
- (5) That the rate for day care is increased from £2.22 per day or part day to £5.00 per day or part day.
- (6) That rate for transport is increased from £1.07 per journey to £1.20 per journey.
- (7) Providing all the above are approved it is proposed to implement the changes from 1 January 2007. This would need to be reviewed should any of the above recommendations be changed or not approved
- (8) That the proposed charges remain the same until April 2008.
- (9) A further report on disability related expenditure be brought back to Members in due course.

For further information please contact Philip Lumley-Holmes, Financial Services Manager, Tel: 01926 412443 E-mail philiplumley-holmes@warwickshire.gov.uk.

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5. Inspecting for Better Lives: A Quality Future

Report of the Strategic Director of Adult, Health & Community Services

This report summarises the recent Commission for Social Care Inspection's (CSCI) consultation document Inspecting for Better Lives: A Quality Future, which highlights proposals to introduce quality ratings. The report also includes a draft response and comments regarding the proposed changes to feedback to CSCI's consultation on next steps for how to regulate and inspect adult social care services.

Recommendation

That the Committee consider and comment on the proposed response in paragraph 7.1 to the CSCI consultation on next steps for the regulation and inspection of adult social care services.

For further information please contact Kim Harlock, Service Manager (Commissioning), Tel: 01926 731078 E-mail kimharlock@warwickshire.gov.uk.

6. Libraries, Heritage & Trading Standards Performance Report: Full Year 2005/06

Report of the Strategic Director of Adult, Health & Community Services

The report highlights the full year performance of the Directorate of Libraries, Heritage & Trading Standards against its published Service Plan and in accordance with County Council performance management procedures following a corporate template.

Recommendation

The Adult & Community Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the Directorate's performance and:

- a) endorse any proposed remedial actions and
- b) request any additional information required.

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ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7. **Provisional Items for Future Meetings and Forward Plan Items Relevant to the Work of this Committee**

A table setting out provisional items for future meetings is attached.

Forward Plan

For information:

Cabinet – 23 November 2006

Fairer Charging – Care at Home Services

8. **Any Other Items**

which the Chair decides are urgent.

JIM GRAHAM
Chief Executive

Adult and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee Membership

Councillors Les Caborn, Jose Compton, Jill Dill-Russell, Richard Dodd, Marion Haywood, Nina Knapman, Frank McCarney, Helen McCarthy, Raj Randev, Mota Singh, Ian Smith and Mick Stanley.

Portfolio Holders:- Councillor Colin Hayfield (Adult and Community Services)

The reports referred to are available in large print if requested

General Enquiries: Please contact Ann Mawdsley on 01926 418079

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Enquiries about specific reports: Please contact the officers named in the reports.

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