

ADULT AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

23rd May 2007

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. at the Avondale Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Gerard Hall (Adult and Public Health Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Ewen Weir, Assistant Director (Commissioning)
Neil Harrison, Disability Inclusion Manager
Sylvia Pinkney, Consumer Services Manager
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

36. Commissioning Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities *(Director of Adult and Community Services)*

Type of decision

Non-Key

Purpose of report

To inform the Portfolio Holder that the commissioned strategy for people with learning disabilities is now complete and ready for implementation over the next three years.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The commissioning strategy emerged from partnership working with people with learning disabilities and their family carers. The themes are:

- Effective sharing of resources with health partners to get Best Value for people with learning disabilities
- Supporting carers in practical ways, particularly “out of hours”
- Meeting the identified shortfalls in service provision in the local and regional market

A copy of the strategy was attached to the report as an appendix. The Disability Inclusion Manager also gave a powerpoint presentation. Information detailed included:

- How the document was prepared
- Shared Values

- Overall Impact of Commissioning Strategy
- Key Areas of Investment
- Future Provision and the Way Forward

The Portfolio Holder indicated that he was happy to support the proposed implementation of the strategy which would help some of the most vulnerable people in society. With reference to sheltered accommodation issues the Portfolio Holder also advised that he would be happy to publicly support any future proposals for new buildings should there be any objections for local residents.

Decision

That the report be noted and the strategic direction of services and implementation of the commissioning strategy be supported.

37. Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 – 4th Quarter Monitoring Report *(Director of Neighbourhood Services)*

Type of decision

Non-Key

Purpose of report

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the progress made against the key actions identified in the Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 and the progress of key performance indicators.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report detailed the progress against the actions contained in the Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 and the fourth quarter outturns of key performance indicators. The Portfolio Holder had responsibility for seven actions and 10 performance indicators, all of which had been, or were expected to be, achieved within the prescribed timescale.

The Portfolio Holder noted the total of 95 actions and 121 performance indicators within the Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan and queried whether these placed unnecessary pressure upon staff. The Consumer Services Manager advised that a large proportion of these were a statutory requirement from areas such as the Food Standards Agency. All performance indicators were agreed with staff prior to implementation.

Decision

That achievement on actions and indicators be noted.

38. Rogers Review on National Enforcement Priorities for Local Authority Regulatory Services *(Head of Public Protection)*

Type of decision

Non-Key

Purpose of report

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the contents of the “Rogers Review” on National Enforcement Priorities for Local Authority Regulatory Services and the possible effects for Hartlepool Borough Council.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

A report on National Enforcement Priorities for Local Authority Regulatory Services was published in March 2007. This was the first step in establishing a new relationship between central and local government on enforcement matters. Details were given of the recommended national enforcement priorities and their implications for Hartlepool. These were all addressed in the Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan and the Public Protection Service Plan and would be reviewed annually. Potential local priorities were also considered in an appendix to the report.

The Portfolio Holder noted that items on the non-priorities list, such as radiation monitoring, while not being relevant to Westminster were extremely relevant to Hartlepool. The Consumer Services Manager advised that any necessary actions would always be carried out by the Public Protection Department, regardless of which list it had been placed upon.

Decision

That the recommendations of the Rogers Report and the actions proposed to address the priorities in 2007/08 be noted.

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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