

ADULT AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

21st August 2007

The meeting commenced at 9.00 a.m. at Belle Vue Community Sports and Youth Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Gerard Hall (Adult and Public Health Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Ewen Weir, Assistant Director (Commissioning)
Alan Dobby, Assistant Director (Support Services)
Ralph Harrison, Head of Public Protection
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

45. Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2007/08 – 1st 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 Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2007/08 in the first quarter of the year.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2007/2008 was agreed by the Portfolio Holder in June 2007 and set out the department's priorities along with an Action Plan showing how the department would achieve these over the coming year.

The report provided a summary of the progress against the actions contained in the Plan and the first quarter outturns of key performance indicators. All the actions were progressing satisfactorily and all performance indicators were on target.

Reference was made to the proposed "Golden Apple" award, aimed at promoting healthy food standards within local businesses. However it was felt that the success of the "scores on the doors" scheme may have a

negative impact on this.

Decision

That achievement on actions and indicators be noted.

46. Departmental Plan 2007/2008 – 2009/2010 – for Adult and Community Services *(Director of Adult and Community Services)*

Type of decision

Non-Key

Purpose of report

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the Departmental Plan 2007/2008-2009-2010 for Adult and Community Services.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The Departmental Plan contained an overview of Departmental Structure, recent achievement and future priorities, plus the specific actions and performance indicators by which progress would be measured during the year. A copy of the plan was attached as an appendix for the Portfolio Holder's attention.

The Portfolio Holder questioned officers on a number of issues contained within the report. Specific mention was made of the Connected Care pilot in the Owton Ward. The Assistant Director (Commissioning) acknowledged the limited progress that had been made and the resultant frustration which must be felt by residents. Efforts were being made to move the project along as quickly and efficiently as possible.

The Portfolio Holder expressed his appreciation at the positive aspects within the departmental plan, particularly the number of national awards which had been achieved.

Decision

That the Plan be received and quarterly updates on progress given throughout the year.

47. Adult and Community Services Departmental Plan 2007/2008 – 1st Quarter Monitoring Report (*Director of Adult and Community Services*)

Type of decision

Non-Key

Purpose of report

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the progress made against the Adult and Community Services Departmental Plan 2007/08 in the first quarter of the year.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The Adult and Community Services Departmental Plan 2007/2008 set out the key tasks/issues along with an Action Plan showing what was to be achieved by the Department in the coming year. The report provided a summary of the actions contained in the Plan and the first quarter outturns of key performance indicators.

The Portfolio Holder was advised that 2 of the 86 actions had not been completed on target due to other work pressures. Also 6 of the 46 performance indicators were not on target for completion.

Decision

That the achievement on actions and indicators be noted.

48. In Control Update Progress Report (*Director of Adult and Community Services*)

Type of decision

Non-Key

Purpose of report

To inform and update on the previous report sent to Portfolio on the 18th September 2006.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The In Control Pilot had been approved for integration across the department by the Portfolio Holder on 18th September 2006. In Control's system of self directed support would allow people to self assess their support needs and give them the freedom to approach a range of different providers.

A copy of the project plan was attached as an appendix to the report.

Included within it were brief outlines of the targets of the following groups

- Resource Allocation System
- Support Planning
- Brokerage (self directed support)
- Monitoring and Reviewing
- Communications

The Portfolio Holder indicated that he was very pleased that Hartlepool had taken on the total In Control agenda. He noted that awareness sessions for members had taken place however he felt that more publicity should be given, both inside and outside the Council, as to the good work which was being carried out within this area.

Decision

That the progress of the Adult and Community Services Department within the National Pilot of the In Control Programme be noted.

49. Disability Sports Development Officer – Progress Update *(Director of Adult and Community Services)*

Type of decision

Non-Key

Purpose of report

To update the Portfolio Holder of progress made by the Development Officer with the remit for Disability Sport and the development of inclusive sporting and physical activity opportunities in Hartlepool.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The Disability Sports officer post was established in 2005 as an essential development officer posts within the Sports Development service. Funding had come via the Learning Disability Partnership Board and their development fund. Since taking up the post the Disability Sports Officer had focused on ensuring that people with disabilities had open access to sport and physical activity opportunities. Details were given on a number of key achievements and opportunities including:

- Mencap initiatives
- Springwell School
- Hartlepool Special Needs Group
- Warren Road Day Care Centre

A grant application had been awarded from the national Community Sports Coach Scheme for the provision of two part-time Community Coaches. In addition Hartlepool had recently become the first Local Authority Sport and

Recreation Service in the country to be awarded “Count Me In” accreditation from the English Federation of Disability Sport, in recognition of their commitment to disability equality.

Concerns were raised as to the sustainability of the post which was only funded to June 2008. Officers indicated that they were not aware of any plans to cut the funding which was given on an annual basis. However should the post be deleted the positive actions with regard to the development of service providers and front line staff would not be lost.

The Portfolio Holder indicated he was happy to see Hartlepool ahead of the game, particularly in terms of the “Count Me In” accreditation. The more people who benefited from this post the better and it was good to see staff being trained so thoroughly. There should be more awareness of the positive work which was being carried out, both within and outside of the Council.

With regard to the sustainability of the post the Portfolio Holder pledged his support.

Decision

That the report be noted.

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