

# **ADULT AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD**

18<sup>th</sup> September 2006

**Present:**

Councillor Ray Waller (Adult and Public Health Services Portfolio Holder)

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

**8. “In Control” Pilot (Individual Budgets)** *(Director of Adult and Community Services)*

**Type of decision**

Key Decision – Tests i and ii apply

**Purpose of report**

To provide information on the forthcoming proposed pilot of “In Control” and individual Budgets across Adults Department, set the pilot in context of national policy, and identify benefits to Hartlepool citizens.

**Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The Individual Budgets Pilot Project was a joint programme between the Department of Health, the Office for Disability Issues, the Department of Work and Pensions and the Department of Communities and Local Government. “In Control” was a National programme to change the organisation of social care to allow people in need of support to take more control of their own lives and fulfil their role as citizens by empowering people to direct their own care and support via an individual budget. This would give people greater choice and independence.

Thirteen local authorities were already involved in the pilot and Hartlepool had nominated itself as an adults department to participate in the pilot, commencing in September 2006. A lead manager (Disability Inclusion Manager) had been identified and key staff inducted onto the programme and trained in readiness. A preferred resource allocation method had also been selected. Details of the financial implications were outlined.

**Decision**

That the nomination of Adult services to the National pilot of the “In Control” programme be agreed.

**9. Health and Safety Service Plan 2006/07** *(Head of Public Protection and Housing)*

**Type of decision**

Non-Key

**Purpose of report**

To seek Portfolio Holder approval for the Health and Safety Service Plan.

**Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The Health and Safety Commission issued guidance under Section 18 of the Health and Safety at Work Act to local authorities. This guidance provided information on how local authority enforcement services plans should be structured and what they should contain. The Health and Safety Service Plan for 2006/07 was appended to the report for the Portfolio Holder's attention.

The Portfolio Holder was advised that the number of programmed Health and Safety inspections carried out in 2005/06 was below target at 90%. This was mainly due to ongoing staff shortages and the impact of the implementation of the Licensing Act. The introduction of topic based inspections in 2005/06 was also highlighted.

**Decision**

That the Health and Safety Service Plan be approved

**10. Statutory Guidance on the Role of the Director of Adult Social Services** *(Director of Adult and Community Services)*

**Type of decision**

Non-Key

**Purpose of report**

To outline the Statutory Guidance on the role of the Director of Adult Social Services (DASS) and the accompanying Best Practice Guidance on the role.

### **Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The development of the role of the Director of Adult Social Services formed an integral part of the Government's strategy for adult social care. In May 2006 guidance on the role was produced following consultation. This instructed Local Authorities on the requirements to establish a Director of Adult Social Services post, pursuant to the Children Act 2004. Details of the seven key aspects included in the remit were outlined for the Portfolio Holder, with more information on these included in the "Best Practice Guidance on the role of Director of Adult Social Services", appended to the report.

All local authorities were expected to have appointed a Director of Social Services by 2008 and as a result of Hartlepool's corporate restructuring process, and the resultant separation of child and adult functions, the role was already in place ahead of deadline. There were no financial implications.

### **Decision**

That the Statutory Guidance on the role of the Director of Adult Social Services (DASS) and the accompanying Best Practice Guidance on the role be noted.

## **11. Adult and Community Services Departmental Plan 2006/2007 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2006/07 in the first quarter of the year.

### **Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2006/2007 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 1<sup>st</sup> quarter reviews of key issues and performance indicators in the Plan. Regarding performance indicators the

Portfolio Holder was advised that 8 actions had already been completed and a further 83 were on target for completion by the target date. However 10 actions had been highlighted as not being on target as follows:

- Business Process re-engineering of access procedures around the social care “duty” team
- Consider social inclusion in all assessments, including carers
- To use Assistive Technology (Telecare) to increase people supported at home to 1800 (120 new users)
- To provide supported housing options for people with learning disabilities
- To revise processes and training to ensure all SAP assessments are holistic, person centred and outcome focussed
- To reduce older people in residential care to 415 or less
- To revise management arrangements for intermediate care
- Revise and resubmit POPPbid for next round
- Appoint Link Support Worker for carers of people with dementia
- Implement Public Engagement Strategy for Department

The Portfolio Holder was advised that it was felt to be a combination of lack of expected funding and over-ambitious targets which had contributed to these failings.

### **Decision**

That the achievement on actions and indicators be noted.

**J A BROWN**

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