

ADULT AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

13th November 2006

Present:

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

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

15. Adult and Community Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 – 2nd 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 half of the year.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The Departmental Plan Update set out the department's aims and objectives and included performance to the end of September against a range of key national and local indicators. This showed that of 104 actions and performance indicators, 10 were not expected to meet their targets. These covered areas including the number of adult placement places, the number of sick days per employee and the appointment of a link support worker for carers of people with dementia.

Decision

That the achievement on actions and indicators be noted.

16. Adult and Community Services Diversity Report *(Director of Adult and Community Services)*

Type of decision

Non-Key

Purpose of report

To report progress made in respect of the Adult and Community Services (A&CS) Diversity Action Plan, which forms part of the Corporate Race Equality Scheme.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The Corporate Race and Diversity Scheme was published in May 2006 and a Departmental Plan was drafted as part of this process by members of the Department's Diversity Steering Group. The Department aimed to mainstream diversity activity and a number of briefings and workshops had been held providing general training on diversity and specific topic based training. Other activities in this area included attendance at the 'Talking with Communities' group, the appointment of a Disability Sports Officer and a review of library vehicle services to assess their delivery to those with special needs. A full progress report on actions identified was provided for the Portfolio Holder's attention.

Decision

That the report be endorsed and progress with the Action Plan noted.

17. Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (*Head of Public Protection and Housing*)

Type of decision

Non-Key

Purpose of report

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the changes to noise legislation contained within the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The provisions of The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 relating to noise came into force in April 2006. Details were given in the report of various amendments to the legislation relating to alarms and noise from premises. The Portfolio Holder was also advised that consideration was being given to the possibility of an increased 'out of hours' noise services. This was in response to a substantial rise in the number of noise complaints compared to the same period last year, many of which concerned alleged noise nuisance out of normal office hours.

Decision

That the contents of the report be noted.

18. Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 – 2nd 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 2006/07 up to the end of September 2006.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The Departmental Plan Update set out the department's aims and objectives and included performance to the end of September against a range of key national and local indicators. This showed that all the actions and performance indicators the Portfolio Holder was responsible for had hit their target or were on course to do so.

Decision

That the achievement on actions and indicators be noted.

J A BROWN

CHIEF SOLICITOR

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