

**ADULT AND COMMUNITY
POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Exempt minutes of the meeting held at 7.00 pm on 26 January 2012

**100 /1 EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE ADULT AND COMMUNITY
SERVICES PDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 30
NOVEMBER 2011**

RESOLVED that the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 30th November be agreed.

**101 /1 EXEMPT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISIONS TAKEN SINCE THE
LAST MEETING**

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The Committee noted the exempt decisions taken by the Portfolio Holder since the last meeting held on 13th December 2011.

**102 /1 RESIDENTIAL INTERMEDIATE CARE SERVICES CONTRACT
EXTENSION**

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Report ACS12004

The Committee considered a report which outlined that the contract with Mission Care for provision of Intermediate Care beds at Elmwood expired on 28th November 2011 with a provision to extend for up to 2 years on the same terms and conditions of contract. There had been some under-utilisation of capacity in recent months and the Portfolio Holder had approved a 3 month extension to the contract to enable commissioners to explore what other options may be available. Since the Adult and Community PDS meeting on 28th November 2011, the Primary Care Trust had announced its plans for the future of the Orpington Hospital site which would be consulted on in February 2012. At the same time, Officers had completed the review around an alternative provider to Mission Care for the provision of 17 intermediate care beds.

One member commented on the 15 beds available with an alternative provider; would this provider have offered better value for money? Officers explained that 17 beds was an average and that sometimes 21 or more beds may be needed and the other provider could only offer a maximum of 15. In addition their unit cost was higher.

RESOLVED that the PDS Committee support the recommendation for the Executive to approve an extension to the existing contract with Mission Care for provision of intermediate care fro a further 21 month period to 30th November 2013.

103 /1 GATEWAY REPORT ON TENANCY SUPPORT SERVICES FUNDED VIA SUPPORTING PEOPLE GRANT

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Report ACS12009

The Portfolio Holder introduced a report outlining the conclusions of the gateway review of the tenancy support services funded through the Supporting People Programme and making recommendations which would achieve potential savings of £439k per annum. Expenditure from the Supporting People Budget covered a wide range of services including both floating support and supported accommodation services commissioned to assist people to avoid becoming homeless, delivered by internal and external providers.

Members noted the services funded through the Supporting People grant.

RESOLVED that:

The Portfolio Holder agrees that:

- 1(a) That officers negotiate with Riverside to deliver savings of £51, 500 pa in Supported Accommodation**
- 1(b) If negotiations by officers are unsuccessful then a further report is presented to the Executive for a decision about the future contract arrangements.**
- 2 From April 2012 the existing contract for tenancy support with Affinity Sutton be varied to include Gypsy Traveller Tenancy Support, which will deliver a saving of £32, 300 p.a.(para 3.6).**
- 3 That the contract for Tenancy Support in Homeless Hostels is not renewed beyond the extension period of the 31st March 2012 which will deliver a saving of £186, 545 pa.**
- 4 The Money Advice Service be provided in-house backed up by spot purchased expert advice where required, which will deliver a saving of £15,600 pa.**
- 5 The current contract for Floating Support provided by Age UK Bromley ceases from April 2012, which will deliver a saving of £60,000 pa.**
- 6 The funding for an administrative post Support and Resettlement Team will cease with effect from April 2012, delivering savings of £22,000 pa.**
- 7 Note that further savings will be delivered totalling £71,000 p.a. as set out in para's 3.12 and 3.13.**

**104 /1 QUESTIONS ON THE EXEMPT ADULT AND COMMUNITY PDS
INFORMATION BRIEFING**

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The Exempt Portfolio Holder briefing comprised one report:

- Aligning Policy and Finance Review – Housing and Residential Services

The Portfolio Holder explained that this item had been considered by the Improvement and Efficiency sub-committee and they had requested that all Policy Development and Scrutiny Committees considered the time. However that had been a few months ago and since then the issues had been considered.

One member asked about the Housing Register and officers confirmed that the new register was now operating and approximately 2,300 people had applied.

A further report would be brought back to the committee in June/July.

RESOLVED that the information briefing be noted.

The Meeting ended at 9.40 pm

Chairman

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