

CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

**Venue: Eric Manns Building, 45 Moorgate Street,
Rotherham.**

Date: Monday, 22nd February, 2010
Time: 10.00 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006)
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Apologies for Absence
4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 8th February 2010 (herewith) (Pages 1 - 7)
5. Millennium Day Centre – Talking Newspapers (herewith) (Pages 8 - 11)
6. Exclusion of the Press and Public
The following item is likely to be considered in the absence of the press and public as being exempt under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 (as amended March 2006) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.
7. Setting In House Residential Accommodation Charges 2010/11 (herewith) (Pages 12 - 15)

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Present:- Councillor Doyle (in the Chair); Councillors Barron, Gosling, Jack, P Russell and Walker.

H83. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 25TH JANUARY 2010

Resolved:- That the minutes of the meeting held on 25th January, 2010 be approved as a correct record.

H84. ADULT SERVICES BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2009/10

Mark Scarrott, Finance Manager (Adult Services) presented the submitted report which provided a financial forecast for the Adult Services Department within the Neighbourhoods and Adult Services Directorate to the end of March 2010 based on actual income and expenditure to the end of December 2009.

The approved net revenue budget for Adult Services for 2009/10 was £72.9m which included additional funding for demographic and existing budget pressures together with a number of new investments and efficiency savings identified through the 2009/10 budget setting process.

The latest budget monitoring report showed some underlying pressures of £2.1m. However after taking account of a number of identified savings and management actions achieved to date these pressures were reduced and assuming the assuming the balance of management actions (£85K) were achieved there was a forecast overall net overspend of £69k by the end of the financial year.

The latest year end forecast showed the main budget pressures in the following areas:-

- Home Care as a result of delays in shifting the balance provision to the independent sector (+£612k). The 70/30 split was achieved at the end of July 2009 and the balance had now moved beyond 70/30.
- Increase in residential and nursing care short stays over and above approved budget for clients with a physical and sensory disability (+£85k)
- Independent sector home care provision for Physical and Sensory Disability clients had increased by an additional 970 hours since April 2009, a further 38 clients were now receiving a service. This was resulting in an overspend of £378k against the approved budget.
- A significant increase above approved budget in clients receiving a Direct Payment within Physical and Sensory Disabilities and Older

People's Services (+£405), reduced by Social Care Reform Grant Allocation of (-£100k).

- Additional one-off expenditure was being incurred in respect of the costs of boarding up, removal of utilities and security costs at the former residential care homes prior to them transferring to the Council's property bank (+£200k)
- Delays in the implementation of budget savings agreed as part of the budget setting process for 2009/10 in respect of meals on wheels (+£290k), laundry (+£141k) and the bathing service (+£40k)
- Continued pressure on the cost of external transport provision for Learning Disability Day care clients (+£82k).

These pressures have been reduced by:-

- Additional income from continuing health care funding from NHS Rotherham (-£222k)
- Delays in the implementation of new supported living schemes within Learning Disability services
- Savings within independent residential care due to an increase in income from property charges (-£668k) and slippage in intermediate care spot beds (-£40k)
- Savings on the reconfiguration of Extra Care housing (-£340k)
- Planned delay in developing rehabilitation and supported living facilities for clients with a physical and sensory disability (-£157k) plus agreed delay in developing respite care provision (-£157k)
- Slippage in recruitment to a number of new posts (-£74) where additional funding was agreed within the 2009/10 budget process.

The Directorate continued to identify additional management actions to mitigate the outstanding budget pressures above. The majority (93%) of management actions had already been achieved (£1.054m) and were included in the financial forecasts. These included additional savings on supported living, residential short stay placements, independent residential care costs within Older People services and savings from the decommissioning of in-house residential care.

Members had requested that all future reports included details of expenditure on Agency and Consultancy. This report detailed the monthly spend on Agency for Adult Services. There was no expenditure on consultancy to date. Total Agency spend from April to November was £329,115.

To further mitigate the financial pressures within the service all vacancies continued to require the approval of the Directorate Leadership Team. There was also a moratorium in place on uncommitted, non-essential non-pay expenditure.

Budget meetings with Service Directors and managers take place on a monthly basis to robustly monitor financial performance against approved budget including progress on delivering the proposed management

actions and to consider all potential options for managing expenditure within the approved revenue budget.

A question and answer session ensued and the following issues were raised:-

- Reference was made to the delays in the implementation of the new supported living schemes within Learning Disability services and concerns expressed in respect of the unspent budget. Confirmation was given that this was part of the base budget, not a grant and therefore would not be clawed back.
- Concern was raised about the slippage in recruitment and whether this would have an impact of the service provided. It was confirmed that the posts in question were high level management posts, not front line care and domestic staff.
- It was noted that the current overspends were being offset by underspends which were due to delays in implementing services and funding received in respect of continuing healthcare. This caused concern to members as once these services had been implemented, how would the overspend be managed.

Councillor Doyle stated that the NAS management should be congratulated on the budget management and for achieving a successful outcome especially as the full savings from meals on wheels and laundry service had not been achieved in the year.

Resolved:- That the latest financial projection against budget for the year based on actual income and expenditure to the end of December 2009 for Adult Services be noted.

H85. ADULT SERVICES CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT 2009/10

Mark Scarrott, Finance Manager (Adult Services) presented the submitted report which informed members of the anticipated outturn against the approved Adult Services capital programme for the 2009/10 financial year.

It provided detail of the approved capital programme for the Adult Services department of the Neighbourhoods and Adult Services Directorate, actual expenditure for the period April 2009 to 15th January 2010 and the projected final outturn position for each scheme.

Actual expenditure to the mid January 2010 was £477k against a revised programme of £1.2m for 2009/10. Total funding of £480k had been carried forward into 2010/11 since the last report. The approved schemes were funded from a variety of different funding sources including, unsupported borrowing, allocations from the capital receipts, Supported Capital Expenditure and specific capital grant funding.

The following information provided a brief summary of the latest position on the main projects within each client group.

Older People

The two new residential care homes opened in February 2009. The balance of funding (£230k) related to outstanding fees and the cost of any final minor works.

The Assistive Technology Grant (which included funding from NHS Rotherham) was being managed jointly and was being used to purchase Telehealth and Telecare equipment to enable people to live in their own homes. A procurement plan to spend the remaining NHSR funding was currently being finalised and would now be procured in 2010/11. The RMBC funding was approved and included the purchase of lifeline connect alarms, low temperature sensors and fall detectors within peoples homes.

A small element of the Department of Health specific grant (£13.5k) issued in 2007/08 to improve the environment within residential care provision was carried forward into 2009/10. The remaining balance of funding was being spent within in-house residential care services.

Learning Disabilities

The small balances of funding (£10k) carried forward from 2008/09 were to be used for the purchase of equipment for Parkhill Lodge and within existing supported living schemes.

The refurbishment at Addison Day Centre (Phase 2) was now complete and awaiting final invoices.

Since the last report a new scheme to refurbish the respite centre at Treefields had been approved from the Councils Strategic Maintenance Investments fund and would be completed in early May 2010.

Mental Health

A small balance remains on the Cedar House capital budget and would be used for the purchase of additional equipment.

A large proportion of the Supported Capital Expenditure (SCE) allocation had been carried forward from previous years due to difficulties in finding suitable accommodation for the development of supported living schemes.

Suitable properties continued to be identified and spending plans were being developed jointly with RDASH. The possibility of funding equipment purchased for direct payments was also being considered to reduce the current pressures on the mental health revenue budgets and was included as a management action (£50k). Further options were also being considered to provide more intensive supported living schemes with a

range of providers and to fund a range of new assistive technologies for mental health clients, which would support their independence with access to 24 hour support.

Management Information

The balance of the capital grant allocation (£85k) for Adult Social Care IT infrastructure was carried forward from 2008-09 and used with this years grant allocation to fund the Adults Integrated Solution as part of introducing electronic care management.

A question and answer session ensued and the following issues were raised:-

- Concerns were expressed in respect of the monies being transferred to the 2010/2011 budget in respect of Telehealth and Telecare equipment and a query was raised as to why the money had not yet been spent. Confirmation was given that this was NHS funding and they were responsible for making decisions in respect of this.
- A query was raised as to whether the two new residential homes were now fully occupied. It was confirmed that at the recent Contracting for Care Forum confirmation had been given that both homes were fully occupied.
- The Cabinet Member asked for more detail in respect of the refurbishment at Treefields to be included in the next report.

The Cabinet Member reported that contracts had now been signed for the Carers Centre on Drummond Street. The building was in good condition and it was hoped that it would be ready for its official opening by 25th March 2010.

Resolved:- (1) That the Adult Services forecast capital outturn for 2009/10 be received and noted.

(2) That Councillor Doyle receive a report on the detail of the refurbishment programme at Treefields.

(THE CHAIRMAN AUTHORISED CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM TO ENABLE THE MATTER TO BE PROCESSED.)

H86. SHIELD (HIV AND AIDS) PROPOSAL FOR GROUP SESSIONS

Chrissy Wright, Director for Commissioning and Partnerships presented the submitted report in respect of Shield (HIV and Aids) proposal for Group Sessions.

Shield is the only specialist HIV and Aids service operating in the Rotherham area currently contracted to provide housing related support

through the Supporting People Programme on a floating basis to this client group. The service was contracted to provide support to 45 clients; however they currently had 42 clients with HIV and Aids and 7 with Hepatitis C. In addition the service also provided education to people in schools.

The 2010-11 budget for the HIV and Aids grant was £45k, and the expenditure on this grant per annum was £22,700, leaving £23,300 uncommitted.

From the gaps analysis undertaken in collaboration with key partners, it became apparent that there was a need in the Rotherham area for group sessions, particularly for women and their children.

Supporting People developed a service specification and sent it to Shield requesting a quote for the service (maximum £20k). They submitted costings to demonstrate they could provide this service in the premises already established in the local area for £15,784 per annum.

The Supporting People (SP) team contacted the Public Health Specialist to identify any other providers of these services in the area and the Gate Surgery was indentified as the only other possible provider. The SP team requested a quote from them against the specification, but the response was that Gate Surgery could not provide a VFM service as it employs psychologists who would not normally deliver this type of service and who were paid at much higher rates of pay than suitably qualified person would be paid.

It was not appropriate to request quotes from providers working outside the Rotherham area as this would require them to obtain premises which would exceed the value of the contract.

The Cabinet Member felt it was important to receive more information on the work of Shield and asked that arrangements be made for someone to come to give him a briefing some time in the future.

Resolved:- That it be agreed that the contract for the delivery of group sessions on HIV and Aids to women and their children be exempted from the requirement of standing order 47.6.2, and the contract be awarded to Shield.

H87. OLDER PEOPLE'S CHAMPION - UPDATE

Councillor Walker reported on the good work which was being undertaken by South Yorkshire Police in that they had been installing security devices on their homes and other property. It was anticipated that they would spread this good work across the whole of Rotherham.

H88. MEETING DATE CHANGE

Councillor Doyle reported that the meeting scheduled to take place on Monday 8th March 2010 had now been moved to Tuesday 9th March 2010 at 10.00 am.

This was due to the CQC Inspection taking place on 8th March, which all officers had to attend. It was therefore felt that the meeting should be rearranged to enable them to be present.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBER

1	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care
2	Date:	22 February 2010
3	Title:	Millennium Day Centre – Talking Newspapers
4	Programme Area:	Neighbourhoods and Adult Services

5 Summary

On the 21st of December 2009, a meeting was held with the Director of Public Health, Dr John Radford to consider concerns that had been raised in relation to the water system at the Millennium Day Centre. These concerns related to high levels of bacteria found within the water system of this establishment. Based on the potential risks to customers in receipt of a service on site the advice from the Director of Public Health was that the building should be closed. As a result of this closure, the service was relocated to Parklea and the service resumed on the 11th of January 2010.

The purpose of this report is to update Cabinet Members on the closure process, the impact on service delivery and outline the way forward for this service over the next year. The report also sets out proposals for the relocation of the Talking Newspaper Service to alternative premises by April 2010.

6 Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- **Receive this report and note the action taken to date in dealing with this closure.**
- **Consider and approve the funding and capital requirements for the relocation of the Talking Newspaper Service as detailed in Section 7 of this report.**

7 Proposals and Details

The Millennium Day Service relocated to Parklea as a result of the closure of the substantive worksite on the 22nd of December 2009. Relocation to Parklea has been successfully undertaken despite some limitations with the building for delivering rehabilitative services. Learning Disability Services are due to vacate the premises by the end of February. This will enable the rehab service to be delivered in accordance with the service level agreement and specification set out by the Joint Commissioning Team. The relocation programme has been successfully completed and disruption to customers kept to a minimum.

The Rotherham NHS Capital Board has indicated that they are prepared to release £300,000 in capital funds to facilitate the upgrade of The Millennium Day Centre subject to remedial works being completed by the Local Authority on the water and heating system. The indicative figure for these works to be completed is £125,000. The lease expires on the 31st of March 2010 and as of the date of this report, no schedule of dilapidations has been served on the Council. This schedule of dilapidations will set out the remedial requirements that the Council may be liable for under the terms of the lease. This may include the works stipulated above.

The circumstances in relation to the lease arrangements for the Millennium Centre and the Talking Newspaper tenancy are as follows:

- The RMBC lease of the Millennium Day Centre expires on the 31st March 2010.
- Talking Newspapers occupy this centre based on a license that coincides with the above leasing arrangements.
- Talking Newspapers occupation of the premises ceases on the 30th of March 2010. Though no official notice is required to be given to them, it would be courteous to give them sufficient notice.
- Talking Newspapers have a legal right to remain in occupation until the 30th of March. The room they occupy has been specially adapted to enable them to function this included a separate recording studio that is sound proofed and additional electrical sockets to enable them to deliver their core business. Any move to another building would take up to 2/3 months to facilitate. The indicative cost of this relocation is estimated at around £15,000.
- It is proposed that they remain in occupation of the rooms at The Millennium Centre until the 30th of March and a decision is made on their future. They have been advised to use bottled water and toilet facilities have been made available for them at Breathing Space, which is an adjacent building. There is no risk to them occupying the building if these conditions are adhered to.
- This would provide some security for the centre until it is handed back to the NHS/PCT officially in March and other than some heating and rental

cost would be offset against any potential relocation costs for moving the Talking Newspapers operation with immediate effect.

- Weekly checks have been put in place to review the situation and ensure that the building is maintained and we meet our obligations under the lease.

It is proposed that to coincide with the termination of the lease arrangements that EDS will obtain alternative premises for the Talking Newspapers and with the release of appropriate funds relocate the service by the beginning of April 2010. Elected Members have indicated that this would be the desired objective.

8 Finance

The indicative cost of this relocation of the Talking Newspaper Service is estimated at around £15,000. There is no identified source to facilitate these arrangements. A full business case to seek funding for the relocation of this service would have to be undertaken in accordance with Council Policy. Given the timescales, relating to the current lease arrangements, approval to proceed with the development of this business case is required as a matter of urgency.

Decisions will need to be made in relation to the future delivery of the Day Rehabilitation Services from the Millennium Centre. The outcome of the dilapidation notice will inform the Council of its liabilities in relation to this building. The financial implications of this notice are not known currently but could be in excess of the £125,000 as detailed in Section 7 of this report. This may have implications on revenue budgets, as these works would not qualify for capital funding unless the lease was renewed.

9 Risks and Uncertainties

Failure to relocate the Talking Newspaper Service could result in the termination of this service and negative media coverage. Due to limited timescales associated with the lease agreement there is a risk that suitable premises may not be found.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

NI 125 - Achieving independence for older people through rehabilitation/intermediate care.

Due to the successful relocation of this service, there are no negative implications for this performance indicator.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Consultation has taken place with Senior Management Representatives from EDS in the preparation of this report.

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