

CABINET AND COMMISSIONERS' DECISION MAKING MEETING
Thursday, 26th May, 2016

Present:- Councillor Read (in the Chair); Councillors Alam, Beck, Lelliott, Roche and Yasseen.

Commissioners:- Bradwell and Myers

Also in attendance was Councillor Steele, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

Apologies for absence were received from the Deputy Leader of the Council (Councillor Watson), Councillor Hoddinott, Commissioner Kenny and Commissioner Ney.

76. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Councillor Taiba Yasseen declared an interest in item 11 (Business Rates Discretionary Rate Relief Top Up Applications) on the basis of her personal involvement with the Open Minds Theatre Company.

77. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

A member of the public asked a question in respect of the council's reluctance to publish details of the recipients of the grants made to charitable organisations and queried the accountability arrangements for such organisations spending public funds.

In response, the Leader of the Council explained that an informal review of grants to charities and voluntary organisations in response to such grants and agreed for a response to being provided.

Post Meeting Response from the Assistant Director of Financial Services:

The Council discloses annually within the Statement of Accounts amounts, including grants, which have been paid to organisations where the Council's relationship with the organisation meets specific disclosure requirements as set down in the Code of Practice on Local Government Accounting.

Under those requirements the Council's relationships are assessed to determine whether the Council, either through representation or funding level, has a significant influence over the activities of those organisations.

For each organisation, if the influence is deemed significant, and that can vary on an on-going basis, then the name and the amount paid to the organisation are included in the disclosure note.

A copy of the Council's Statement of Accounts is published on the Council & Democracy section of the Council's website and the relevant note in the Accounts is Note 17.

A member of the public asked a question in respect of access to information and private decision making by Commissioners. A further question was put enquiring why the agenda for the Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting had not been published prior to the meeting.

In response, the Leader of the Council explained that the agenda for Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting had been published on 19 May 2016, complying the access to information rules within the Council's constitution and statute. The Leader of the Council further explained that the Council was making more information public to enable decision making to take place in public.

A further question was asked whether the Lead Commissioner received advice from the Chief Legal Officer of the Council in respect of making decisions in private.

In response, the Lead Commissioner explained the legislative remit of Government appointed Commissioners intervening in local authorities and confirmed that executive powers had been delegated to Commissioners by the Secretary of State in February 2015. In doing so, it was confirmed that Commissioners would not be subject to the Council's Constitution. This position was confirmed by Civil Servants in writing to the member of the public who had put the question. As a third of Executive decision making had been returned to Councillors, it had been agreed that decisions would be made in public. The Lead Commissioner made it clear that there was a provision for urgent decisions to be made between meetings of the Cabinet, providing that such matters satisfied the urgency provisions. He further explained that the rules governing access to information, which were applicable to every local authority, would be complied with by the Cabinet and Commissioners in Rotherham.

The member of the public repeated his question regarding advice received by the Lead Commissioner from the Council's Chief Legal Officer. The Leader of the Council thanked the member of the public for his question and recommended that the matter be pursued through further correspondence with the Lead Commissioner.

78. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 11TH APRIL, 2016

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting held on 11 April 2016.

Resolved:-

That the Chair be authorised to sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 April 2016 as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

79. ALL SAINTS TOILETS - REVISED OPTIONS (ASR EDS 11)

The Leader of the Council indicated that this agenda item would be deferred for consideration at a future meeting of the Cabinet as there were concerns regarding some information detailed within the report.

Resolved:-

That the report be deferred and submitted to a future Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting.

80. COPELAND LODGE BUILDING PROPOSAL

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the Interim Strategic Director for Adult Care and Housing which sought to decommission Copeland Lodge, a former residential home for older people.

It was reported that since it had ceased to be a residential home, Copeland Lodge had been used as a day centre for older people. Following a review which had involved users and their families, in accordance with the requirements of the Care Act, it was concluded that the centre would no longer be required as alternative provision had been identified. It was noted that the building was in a poor state of repair and was considered to be surplus to requirements.

Commissioner Myers agreed:

- (1) That Copeland Lodge no longer be used for adult social care purposes.
- (2) That Copeland Lodge be decommissioned and any equipment that can be re-used within existing services be reallocated accordingly.

(As this is a Commissioner decision, it is not subject to 'call in.')

81. SYRIAN VULNERABLE PERSONS REFUGEE (VPR) RESETTLEMENT SCHEME

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment which provided an overview of the Syrian Vulnerable Persons' Resettlement Scheme and detailed the implications for the council and its partners of participating voluntarily in the programme along with 21 other local authorities across the Yorkshire and Humber region.

The report set out how the scheme would be managed on a regional and national basis, detailing the practical implications of its operation, how it would be funded and those areas requiring clarification from the Home Office. The paper also address the governance and strategic coordination of migration and asylum issues within the council.

In considering the recommended course of action, it was noted that authority should be delegated to the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment, rather than the Assistant Chief Executive, because of his involvement with the Migration Yorkshire Partnership.

As a Cabinet decision, it was

Resolved:-

- (1) That the Council's participation in the phase two of the Government's Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme be agreed.
- (2) That agreement be given to the acceptance of up to ten Syrian refugees (in family units) in Rotherham for an initial three year period, subject to annual review.
- (3) That the authority be delegated to the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment to take all necessary actions to implement the Council's participation in phase two of the scheme, including the strategic and corporate oversight of the wider policy agenda for migration, refugees and asylum.

82. FLANDERWELL AUTISM RESOURCE

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services which sought approval to commence a period of statutory consultation in respect of proposal to discontinue the Flanderwell Autism Resource on the Flanderwell Primary School site.

It was reported that the building was not conducive to the changing needs of the cohort of pupils that it was originally designed to accommodate. Discussions with staff and specialists in autism had revealed concerns

that the building was not fit for its current purpose. Furthermore, the authority had a statutory duty to ensure a sufficiency of mainstream school places and allocate Basic Need Funding to projects. Government policy indicated that the council's place planning strategy should aim to satisfy as many parental first preferences as possible during the annual admissions round.

It was noted that there was potential for the Flanderwell Resource Unit to be used by the Flanderwell Primary Academy to accommodate the rising mainstream pupil numbers, which would prevent the need for further capital investment at the academy. In order to progress that, it was reported that a full pre-statutory and statutory consultation would need to be undertaken to establish whether to discontinue the resource on the site and transfer the building to the Academy Trust to accommodate rising cohort demand.

In considering the matter, Cabinet Members expressed regret that the council would not be able to exploit resource in any other way, but there was confidence that the proposal represented the best use of public money in the circumstance. The Leader of the Council indicated that he had asked for review of how the situation had arisen in order to learn lessons and to avoid future incidences.

As a Cabinet decision, it was

Resolved:-

That statutory consultation should commence in relation to

- (1) the discontinuation of the use of the site as a Special Educational Needs (SEN) provision, with the building to be used by Flanderwell Primary Academy to accommodate rising mainstream pupil numbers.
- (2) another site being found attached to a mainstream school to provide for primary aged children with autism, but with mainstream academic abilities, who struggle to have their needs met.
- (3) a further wider review being undertaken at a future date in respect of the provision for children and young people with autism who struggle in mainstream schools, as part of the strategic development of the Special Educational Need and Disability (SEND) provision to meet the needs of Rotherham's children.

83. DISABLED GO - ACCESSIBILITY AND EQUALITY SERVICES

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the Interim Strategic Director of Adult Care and Housing, which sought to progress the suspension of Contract Standing Orders 4.1 and 4.2 to enable the council to enter into a contract with Disabled Go to develop an Access Service in

Rotherham.

It was noted that Disabled Go was the nation's leading provider of accessibility and equality services, which sought to give people the information to make an informed choice and not to make such choices on those individuals' behalf. Disabled Go had worked with many councils to integrate their accessibility information into area specific websites, information portals and directories and, in doing so, had embedded the offer to residents and visitors rather than it being a separate resource enhancing engagement inclusion.

Members noted that Disabled Go would support the initiatives of the Adult Social Care Programme and would positively benefit the residents of Rotherham. The scheme would enable residents to be informed about their local facilities and other facilities that they might want to use. Information would available through the council's website and there would be an annual review to ensure that the access guide was kept up to date.

Commissioner Myers agreed:

- (1) That, pursuant to Standing Order 38, the contracts referred to in the report be exempt from the provisions of Standing Order 43, which would ordinarily require that tenders for a particular contract be obtained by inviting tenders for the contract on the open market.
- (2) That, pursuant to Standing Order 38, the contract to develop an Access Service be exempt from the provisions of Standing Order 47, which requires three written quotations from the market.
- (3) That the advice of the Procurement Team, confirming that research had been conducted to find a comparable quote to provide the service, be noted.
- (4) That Disabled Go be awarded the contract for the development and provision of an Access Service in Rotherham.

(As this is a Commissioner decision, it is not subject to 'call in'.)

84. CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY REPORT 2015/16

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services which sought the approval of the Childcare Sufficiency Report 2015/16.

It was reported that the local authority had a statutory duty under the Childcare Act 2006 to secure sufficient childcare and early education to meet the needs of parents. The duty included a requirement to report annually on how the council had met its duty to secure sufficient childcare.

The report itself was based on the capture of data from childcare providers during June and July 2016, as well as data on the take-up of early education in schools and additional information from the Families Information Service.

The key findings of the report were that there was:

- a wide range of Ofsted registered childcare provision in the borough with over 85% of all Ofsted Registered childcare at 'good or outstanding' Ofsted grade.
- some spare childcare capacity across all areas.
- adequate spare capacity for all 3/4 year olds to take up their early education entitlement.
- some spare capacity for 2 year olds to take up their early education entitlement, however in some areas there would not be sufficient capacity for all eligible children to take up a place.
- a small number of instances of unmet demand for out of school childcare, and
- the cost of childcare in Rotherham was lower than the national average.

A number of actions were identified arising from the key findings within the report, which included the continued analysis of the market in Rotherham, the need to share information with existing and potential childcare providers to enable informed decisions on the creation of additional childcare in the Borough and a review to be undertaken each academic term on the take-up of early education for 2, 3 and 4 year olds.

Commissioner Bradwell agreed:

That the Childcare Sufficiency Report 2015/2016 be published.

(As this is a Commissioner decision, it is not subject to 'call in'.)

85. BUSINESS RATES DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF TOP UP APPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the Strategic Director of Finance and Customer Services which recommended the award of discretionary rate relief to Rotherham Rise and Open Minds Theatre Company.

It was reported that a specific policy framework had been developed to consider individual applications and both applications had met the qualifying criteria and other considerations detailed therein. It was further noted that the work undertaken by both organisations was closely aligned to the Council's own priorities in protecting the most vulnerable and promoting community togetherness.

The award of any relief to both organisations represented a continuation

of relief to Rotherham Rise and a resumption of relief to Open Minds Theatre Company, albeit at a cost of under £2,000 for the 2015/16 and 2016/17 financial years collectively.

As a Cabinet decision, it was

Resolved:

That a 20% discretionary business rate relief be awarded to Rotherham Rise and Open Minds Theatre Company for each of the respective premises that the applications were made for and the additional financial cost to Council be effectively managed within the authority's financial planning assumptions for the Statutory Collection Fund.

(Having declared an interest in this item, Councillor Yasseen did not participate in the vote on this item.)

86. IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW SOCIAL CARE IT SYSTEM AND REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION TO STANDING ORDERS FOR THE LIQUID LOGIC PROJECT

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services which sought to extend the proposed implementation date for the new Social Care IT System and Liquid Logic Project and set out the resource and financial implications of the proposed extension.

It was reported that a contract for the implementation of a new social care IT system for Children and Young People's Services and Adult Care Services was awarded to Liquidlogic in April 2015 following the completion of competitive tendering. Following the signing of the contract in June 2015, a programme plan was developed which included a proposed implementation date of 8 February 2016 for the Children's system, and 12 April 2016 for the Adults system, which both considered very ambitious. Following receipt of reports from an IT consultant and Internal Audit which made a number of common recommendations and identified programme critical issues, including issues relating to data migration, staff training and performance reporting, it was considered necessary to revisit the implementation timetable.

It was noted that the recommendation to extend the implementation timescale set out the resourcing requirement for additional leadership capacity which was considered essential to the successful implementation of the new system. In order to proceed, it was reported that it was necessary to agree an exemption under Standing Order 38 from the provisions of Standing Order 48 (requirement to invite between three to six tenders where a contract for work, service or supply of goods or materials is valued at £50,000 or more) with regard to the appointment of consultants to support data migration as part of the Liquidlogic Project.

As a Cabinet decision it was

Resolved:-

- (1) That the revised implementation date of 31 October 2016 for the new Liquidlogic Children's social care case management and ContrOCC Children's finance systems be approved.
- (2) That the Council be recommended to agree an increase £351,610 to the already approved capital allocation for the project in 2016/17 and it be added to the Capital Programme.
- (3) That an exemption from the obligation to tender for the provision of three data migration consultants be approved and the existing contracts for such consultants already engaged be extended to provide services until implementation is completed.
- (4) That approval be given to Option 2, detailed within the report, in respect of the appointment of the three additional external consultants, which were commissioned via Dutton International, the council's contracted recruitment agency.
- (5) That a further report be submitted to a Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting in respect of the Liquidlogic Adults social care case management and ContrOCC Adults financial systems, upon completion of the review of the implementation timetable.

87. RECOMMENDED PROVIDERS FOR THE POST CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (CSE) SUPPORT SERVICES TENDER

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the Strategic Director of Children and Young People's Services which provided a detailed analysis of the needs that were being met by the community sector and sought approval to award contracts to provide long-term post Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Support Services from 1 July 2016, with appropriate transition arrangements for providers.

It was reported that significant investment in the development and commissioning of CSE support services had resulted in a very different support offer for victims and survivors to that offered following the findings in the Jay Report on CSE (1997 – 2003). In order to build on the existing offer of support to victims and survivors of CSE, it was noted that longer term post CSE support services needed to be commissioned and were originally planned to commence on 1 April 2016. In a previous report on 14 March 2016, approval was given to a recommendation that an appraisal of CSE needs being met by the community sector outside of those services commissioned was required. Consequently, the existing post CSE support contracts were extended for three months until 30 June

2016.

It was noted that the new long-term post CSE support contracts would commence on 1 July 2016 and would provide a range of services to meet the needs of victims and survivors of CSE and would also offer choice to individuals. The services would include practical, emotional support and advocacy, and evidence based therapeutic interventions. An open one stage European Union (EU) compliant competitive tendering process had taken place, with eight tenders received from four local voluntary sector organisations, with one being received as a joint tender between two organisations.

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board indicated that the Improving Lives Select Commission would want to monitor the performance of the providers that had been awarded the contracts and would build this into the Scrutiny Work Programme for the year ahead.

Commissioner Bradwell agreed:

- (1) That Rotherham Rise and Liberty (YWCA and GROW) be awarded a contract to provide practical, emotional support and advocacy for both young people and adults as victims and survivors of Child Sexual Exploitation and their families.
- (2) That Rotherham Rise and Rotherham Abuse Counselling Service be awarded a contract to provide therapeutic interventions for both adults and young people as victims and survivors of Child Sexual Exploitation.
- (3) That Swinton Lock be awarded a temporary contract to support victims and survivors currently using the service to support transition to new provider arrangements.

(As this is a Commissioner decision, it is not subject to 'call in'.)

88. DISPOSAL OF PITHOUSE WEST

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment which sought approval to dispose of the Pithouse West site following negotiations with Gullivers (Family Theme Parks).

It was reported that the Council was approached by Gullivers, who wished to locate a new family entertainment resort on the Pithouse West site. Consequently the site had been re-marketed to enable the council to establish interest there might be in the open market to ensure best consideration and allow the best possible leisure scheme to come forward on the site. An advertisement inviting bids attracted only one expression of interest from Gullivers.

The report set out the key features of the proposal from Gullivers, with the headline regeneration benefits being £36.66m overall economic impact from construction, total annual operating net economic impact on the local economy of £11.6m and between 160-255 full time equivalent jobs (when fully operational) with employment created at entry level positions through to skilled professionals and employment opportunities created for younger members of the local population.

A decision taken by Commissioner Kenny in September 2015 authorised the Strategic Director of Environment and Development Services to negotiate the sale of the land to Gullivers. Such negotiations had been completed and the Head of Terms were appended to the report.

The proposal was broadly welcomed by Members as a key regeneration project and noted that it represented a diversification of the local economy.

Commissioner Myers agreed:

- (1) That part (approx.. 250 acres) of the Pithouse West property be sold to Gullivers for the development of a family theme park resort.
- (2) That the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment be authorised to negotiate the completion of the sale on the terms detailed within the report.
- (3) That the Assistant Director of Legal Services be authorised to complete the sale agreement between the Council and the proposed purchaser of the site.
- (4) That the Assistant Director of Legal Services be authorised to complete the agreement between the Council and the Coal Authority relating to the claw back liability arising from the 2001 transfer from the Coal Authority to the Council.

(As this was a Commissioner decision, it is not subject to 'call in'.)

89. RMBC MAINS GAS SUPPLY FRAMEWORK 1ST APRIL 2017 - 31ST MARCH 2021

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment which sought approval of the RMBC Main Gas Supply Framework contract from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2021 to Corona Energy 4 Retails.

It was reported that the existing gas supply framework contract with British Gas commenced in April 2013 and would expire in March 2017. The Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO) were responsible for tendering for the council's energy supply contracts, with the exception of biomass. A procurement exercise had been undertaken to ensure value for money

and quality in the supply of gas using the YPO framework.

It was noted that four providers had submitted tender responses and had met all of the mandatory requirements. The YPO had evaluated the tenders and had recommended that energy consortium members enter into a contract with Corona Energy Limited for the supply of gas from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2021.

As a Cabinet decision it was

Resolved:-

That the RMBC Mains Gas Supply Framework contract for the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2021 be awarded to Corona Energy 4 Retail.

90. IMPLEMENTING A STRATEGIC APPROACH TO THE COMMISSIONING AND DELIVERY OF LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the Interim Strategic Director of Adult Care and Housing which sought approval to implement a strategic approach to the commissioning and delivery of services for people with a learning disability within Rotherham.

It was reported that the proposed approach sought to implement a set of strategic commissioning intentions that would strengthen independence, choice and control and would support the Directorate's development programme. The proposed programme of work outlined in the approach was based on:

- the principles set out in 'Valuing People'
- legislative requirements set out within the Care Act
- good practice in other parts of the country
- what people have told the council about their needs
- a need to modernise and deploy resources as effectively as possible

It was noted that the strategic approach outlined a number of actions that would support people to be more independent, reduce the use of residential care and provide a wider choice of services to support citizens to fulfil their potential. Furthermore, together with the market position statement, it would provide sufficient information to current and future providers to inform their business planning about the needs of the citizens of Rotherham.

Commissioner Myers agreed:

- (1) That the strategic direction outlined for people with learning disabilities and their carers be approved.

- (2) That the programme of works be approved with quarterly update report on progress to be submitted to the Health Select Commission.
- (3) That approval be given to the need to start working alongside and consulting within existing customers and their carers and those young people who may use services in the future to co-produce fit for purpose and sustainable opportunities for the citizens of Rotherham.

(As this is a Commissioner decision, it is not subject to 'call in'.)

91. RESPONSE TO PETITION OPPOSING THE LOWERING OF ADDITIONAL KERBS OUTSIDE 36 GODSTONE ROAD, ROTHERHAM

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment in response to a petition received on 29 January 2016 opposing the extension of a vehicle access crossing facility outside 36 Godstone Road, Moorgate.

It was reported that the residents of Godstone Road, Moorgate, were experiencing difficulty parking their vehicles in proximity to their homes. The petitioners' concerns was that widening the crossing facility would reduce the on-street car parking space available. It was noted that at the time the application to extend the vehicle access crossing, no record of any planning application had been made for either the change of use of the building or the provision of hard standing for vehicle parking. It was noted that approval had subsequently been given for a planning application under delegated powers on 16 May 2016.

Cabinet Members broadly supported the recommendation, but invited the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment to review the options available to ease parking difficulties in the locality, with particular reference to a residents' parking scheme.

As a Cabinet decision, it was

Resolved:-

- (1) That the petitions and its contents be noted.
- (2) That the vehicle access crossing facility by lowering four additional kerbs outside 36 Godstone Road be approved.
- (3) That the lead petitioner be advised of the outcome of the investigation and the action to be taken.

92. RECOMMENDATION ON THE PROPOSED FUTURE MODEL FOR THE ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL ENABLING SERVICE

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the Interim Strategic Director of Adult Care and Housing which proposed a new model for the enabling service following a period of consultation with staff and customers.

It was reported that the model was based on evidence collated from other areas, the need to improve efficiency, ensure effective use of resources and make recurrent savings of £1million from the enabling budget. The recommended model would retain an "in-house" enabling service, but proposed a significant reshaping of the service to improve its efficiency, effectiveness and reach.

It was noted that the enabling service would provide an enhanced service that increased the amount of enabling available whilst releasing savings, but would no longer provide any long-term support into Extra Care Housing. With regard to staffing, it was further noted that there would be revised job profiles and more flexible rota patterns to reduce periods of unproductive time, which would deliver more customer facing hours whilst releasing savings.

Commissioner Myers agreed:-

That the implementation of the recommended model for the enabling service be agreed.

(As this is a Commissioner decision, it is not subject to 'call in'.)

93. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC.

Resolved:-

That under Section 100(A) 4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of such Act indicated (as amended).

94. OLDER PEOPLE INDEPENDENT SECTOR CARE HOME - ANNUAL INFLATIONARY FEE UPLIFT 2016/17

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the Interim Strategic Director of Adult Care and Housing which sought approval of an increase in the level of fees to the Independent Sector Residential and Nursing Care Providers (people over 65 years) for the financial year 2016-17.

The report proposed two options for consideration against the context of the Rotherham Care Home Market. The details of the cost, associated

impact and risk and how each option was assessed was set out within the report.

Commissioner Myers agreed:

That Option 2 be approved, constituting a 4% increase be applied to the residential care fee component, a £2 per week increase on the nursing care fee component and no increase applied to the Residential Elderly Mentally Infirm and Nursing Elderly Mentally Infirm fee.

(As this is a Commissioner decision, it is not subject to 'call in'.)

95. INDEPENDENT SECTOR COMMUNITY AND HOME CARE SERVICES (DOMICILIARY CARE) - ANNUAL INFLATIONARY FEE UPLIFT 2016/17

Consideration was given to a report submitted by the Interim Strategic Director of Adult Care and Housing which sought to agreement to the level of increase in the hourly rate paid to contracted independent sector home care providers for the financial year 2016-17.

Two options were reported within the paper and the Option 2 was recommended for approval which sought to apply an increase of 5.92% on the hourly rate tendered by home care providers in 2015. The details of cost, associated impact, risk and how each option was developed were set out within the report.

Commissioner Myers agreed:-

That approval be given to Option 2, that the annual inflationary uplift of 5.92% be applied to the existing hourly rate of the Community and Home Care Services from 1 April 2016.

(As this is a Commissioner decision, it is not subject to 'call in'.)

**C. Read
Chair**