



Minutes of the meeting of the Supporting People Commissioning Body held on 12 March 2007 at 12.30am.

Present: K Page (Corporate Director Neighbourhood Services) (Chair), P Wharfe (Director of Housing Services), J Hainstock (Senior Joint Commissioning Manager), P Williams (National Probation Service), D Moore (Head of Commissioning and Customer Care), T Chapman (Supporting People Co-ordinator), H Ricketts (Supporting People Development Officer), I Agbemenyale (Senior Accountant (Supporting People)) and J Sloan (Committee Manager).

SPCB35 MINUTES

RECOMMENDED –

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Commissioning Body held on 29 January 2007 and on the 20 February 2007 be approved by the Chair as a correct record.

SPCB36 INSPECTION UPDATE AND ACTIONS

The Commissioning Body received an update on the Supporting People inspection.

RECOMMENDED –

That a meeting be arranged before 2 April 2007 to discuss the inspection report and any actions.

SPCB37 HASTE UPDATE

The Commissioning Body was informed that an informal notice to withdraw funding of the HASTE scheme had been received from the Drugs Action Team. Officers had not received official confirmation or reasons for the funding withdrawal or whether HASTE had been informed.

The Commissioning Body discussed whether the Supporting People Team Budget could absorb the predicted £20,000 shortfall to enable the HASTE scheme to continue. No decision was made.

The Corporate Director Neighbourhood Services agreed to contact the Drug Action Team to determine the issues involved and whether there was any contract disengagement protocol.

RECOMMENDED –

That the Corporate Director Neighbourhood Services as Chair of the Drug Action Team and the Supporting People Development Officer contact the Drug Action Team to determine the reasons for withdrawing funding for the HASTE scheme.

SPCB38

FUTURE FUNDING OF THE FURNITURE FIRST SCHEME

The Commissioning Body received a report on the Funding for the Furniture First Scheme.

The Commissioning Body noted that the Furniture First Scheme provided furniture to vulnerable service users. The Commissioning Body noted that the scheme provided cross service benefits to both Environment and Housing as it recycled unwanted furniture and encouraged housing tenants to remain in their homes as they were furnished. It was also noted that current funding for the scheme would end in July 2007.

The Commissioning Body considered the Furniture First Scheme a beneficial service and discussed the options of cross funding from the Housing or Environment. The Commissioning Body considered that the Furniture First Scheme complimented the objectives of Supporting People and that a 'one off' exception could be made to the Local Eligibility Criteria to allow funding from the Supporting Peoples budget

RECOMMENDED –

That a 'one off' exception to the Local Eligibility Criteria be agreed to grant funding for the Furniture First Scheme from the Supporting People Budget for 07/08. The Supporting People team will engage with housing and environment to establish future funding.

SPCB39

CAMPBILL UPDATE

The Commissioning Body received an update on the Camphill service. The Commissioning Body expressed concern at the staff to client ratio. The Corporate Director Neighbourhood Services and the Head of Commissioning and Customer Care and the Supporting People Co-ordinator had sent a letter to Camphill outlining what Supporting People will fund for the next three years. The Commissioning Body noted that this would represent a reduction in both funding and places.

SPCB40**FINANCIAL REPORTING**

The Commissioning Body received an update on the financial reporting and noted:

- (a) That arrangements had to be put in place now to prevent overspend in 2008-09;
- (b) Budget discussions would have to be held at a political level and with the Corporate Leadership Team; and
- (c) Investigations into alternative funding streams would have to be investigated.

SPCB41**DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

RECOMMENDED –

That the next meeting be agreed for 12.30pm, Monday 23 April 2007

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 14.15pm