
ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

06 FEBRUARY 2007

Present - Councillors Shaw (Chairman), Higson (Vice-Chairman), Ainscough (as deputy for Councillor Hamilton), Bashir-Ismail, Burrows, Hornby (as deputy for Councillor Lord), Price, R. Ronson, J. Rothwell, A.N. Spencer (as deputy for Councillor L. Byrne), A. Wilkinson, R. Wilkinson, Williamson and Woodward.

Also in Attendance Councillor Clare - Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health Councillor Ibrahim - Executive Member for Culture and Community Services Mr. J. Rutherford - Director of Adult Services Mr. A. Doodson - Assistant Director of Adult Services (Environmental Health and Trading Standards) Mrs. S Crossley - Assistant Director of Adult Services (Culture) Mrs. E. Miller - Assistant Director of Adult Services (Strategy and Commissioning) Mrs. A. Gannon - Director of Health and Social Care Integration Mr. A. Kilpatrick - Assistant Director of Adult Services (Adults) Mr. S. Maslivec - Head of Environmental Protection Mr. A. Scott - Policy Accountant Mrs. S. Bailey - Principal Democratic Services Officer

Councillor Shaw in the Chair

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L. Bryne, Hamilton and Lord and from Mrs. E. Tatman.

53 ADULT SERVICES RESOURCE ALLOCATION 2007/2008

The Committee considered the recommendations of the Executive Members for Adult Social Care and Health and Culture and Community Services, in so far as they related to the remit of this Committee, in respect of the Adult Services Budget 2007/2008 and in doing so, considered

the following:-

(a) the minutes of the proceedings of the joint Budget meeting of the Adults and Culture and Community Services Policy Development Groups held on 9th January, 2007; and (b) the minutes of the proceedings of the joint Budget meeting of the Executive Members for Adult Social Care and Health and Culture and Community Services held on 22nd January, 2007.

Members discussed the Resource Allocation and enquired whether job losses had been kept to a minimum. The Director assured members that every effort would be made to keep job losses to a minimum and that letters had been sent to all affected staff advising them of the situation and seeking, in the first instance, voluntary redundancies. The Council would consider the Budget at its meeting on 21st February, 2007.

Members also enquired what other risks were involved with the budget cuts.

The Director indicated that risks included the non-achievement of the identified savings, although the Department had plans in place to monitor and manage this. The impact on overall performance in a range of areas could also be affected but the Department would make every effort to minimise this.

Resolved - (i) That the minutes of the proceedings of the joint Budget meeting of the Adults and Culture and Community Services Policy Development Groups held on 9th January, 2007 be noted; and

(ii) That the recommendations of the Executive Members for Adult Social Care and Health and Culture and Community Services Executive Members in respect of the Adult Services Portfolio Resource Allocation 2007/2008 be noted.