

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2008

Present: Councillors Mrs Y R T Clarkson (Chairman); M McVeigh (Deputy Chairman); Mrs M Docherty; G Garrity; A Jacob; J Kane; A Mossop; A Norwood and P Tyson;

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs A Faichney and J Park.

Also Present: Councillor H Branney.

Officers: N White, Scrutiny Support Officer; J Crellin, Head of Finance & Management Information Systems; A Gillan, Learning Officer at The Beacon and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

CYPHC 17/08 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2008 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

CYPHC 18/08 Concessionary Travel

Councillors A Norwood and H Branney declared a personal and prejudicial interest due to being a member of the Resource Planning Working Party and Executive respectively. Both Members left the room during the discussion of this item.

J Crellin provided the Committee with an update on the Concessionary Travel arrangements and emphasised the cautious approach taken in relation to the 2008/09 year end estimate of expenditure, due to the delay in receiving usage information from the NoWcard bureau.

Members were advised that a meeting between the Cumbrian Local Authorities and NoWcard was to take place in the near future where the need for up-to-date usage information would be a priority.

Following discussions it was suggested that a survey of current users be undertaken to provide meaningful data.

It was also suggested that if an underspend does occur, then £10,000 be set aside for amendments to the scheme in the next financial year

AGREED – that

- a) the update on Concessionary Travel be received,
- b) a survey of current users be considered,
- c) the Head of Finance & Management Information Systems be invited to update the next meeting of this Committee and
- d) that £10,000 of any underspend be set aside for the 2009/10 scheme.

CYPHC 19/08 Pharmacy in England

Members received an update on Pharmacy in England from the Scrutiny Support Officer and Councillor Garrity, who is Copeland Borough Council's representative on the Cumbria Health and Well-being Scrutiny Committee.

The Committee was also advised that due to the limited time scales for replying to the consultation, Councillors G Garrity and Mrs Y Clarkson have responded on behalf of the committee and Members were invited to confirm the action taken.

Councillor G Garrity was thanked for his hard work on this subject.

AGREED – that

- a) the update on Pharmacy in England be received, and
- b) the action taken by Councillors G Garrity and Mrs Y Clarkson be confirmed.

CYPHC 20/08 Youth Engagement - Scoping

The Committee considered the membership and scoping of the Youth Engagement Task and Finish Group.

Councillors Mrs M Docherty and J Kane volunteered to join the Task and Finish Group with Councillors Mrs Y Clarkson, G Garrity, R Pitt and co-opted member Councillor H Branney.

It was suggested that in addition to the groups listed in the report, Copeland Young Carers, Harbour Youth Project and various Sports Clubs be included.

Members were advised that this Task and Finish Group would be visiting many youth groups in the Borough during the evening and weekends. The committee was also advised that the County Council were also carrying out similar work and it would be worth liaising with them.

AGREED – that

- a) the Task and Finish Group consist of Councillors Mrs Y Clarkson, G Garrity, R Pitt, Mrs M Docherty and J Kane. Councillor H Branney be a co-opted member.
- b) A scoping meeting be arranged before Xmas.

CYPHC 21/08 Healthier Horizons

Members were advised that Councillors Mrs Y Clarkson, G Garrity and B Dixon together with the Scrutiny Support Officer attended a workshop on 7 November 2008 organised by the Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Committee entitled “Health Services – the next 10 years” and an overview was provided.

AGREED – that

- a) the Executive be requested to give a high priority to health within the next corporate plan and to consider what specific projects would enable this to happen, and
- b) the Cumbria Health and Well Being Committee be advised of this committee’s views on the top priority questions for 2009

CYPHC 22/08 Work Plan

Members considered the Committee’s Work Plan.

AGREED – that the Work Plan be received

The Meeting Closed at 3:20pm

Signed:..... Date:.....