

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee**
held on Monday, 23rd March, 2009 at Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings,
Earle Street, Crewe CW1 2BJ

PRESENT

Councillor A Richardson (Chairman)
Councillor G Baxendale (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Mrs S Bentley, R Fletcher, Mrs D Flude, Miss S Furlong,
Ms O Hunter, Mrs S Jones, A Kolker, A Martin, A Moran, Mrs L Smetham,
A Thwaite and J Wray

Apologies

Councillors (none)

27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED: That the following Declarations of Interest be noted:

- (a) Councillor A Richardson – personal interest on the grounds that he was a Member of Cheshire County Council and Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council;
- (b) Councillor G Baxendale – personal interest on the grounds that he was a Member of Congleton Borough Council and Congleton Town Council;
- (c) Councillor R Fletcher – personal interest on the grounds that he was a Member of Cheshire County Council and Congleton Borough Council;
- (d) Councillor S Jones – personal interest on the grounds that she was a Member of Alsager Town Council;
- (e) Councillor A Martin – personal interest on the grounds that he was a Member of Nantwich Town Council;
- (f) Councillor A Moran – personal interest on the grounds that he was a Member of Cheshire County Council and Nantwich Town Council; and
- (g) Councillor A Thwaite – personal interest on the grounds that he was a Member of Congleton Borough Council.

29 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no Members of the Public present who wished to address the Committee.

30 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23 February be approved as a correct record.

31 CURRENT ISSUES

The Governance Lead Officer briefed the Committee on various current issues:

- The Committee's role in scrutinising the Local Area Agreement in particular in relation to Adult Safeguarding and the Children's Trust/Children's Safeguarding;
- The role for Local Authorities to scrutinise Crime and Disorder Partnerships;
- The recent Guidance on Councillor Call for Action which would be reported more fully to Governance and Constitution Committee on 16 April;
- The issue relating to Public Speaking Time/Open Session would also be discussed at Governance and Constitution Committee on 16 April.

RESOLVED: That the update on current issues be noted.

32 CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REFLECTIONS/LEGACY

The Committee considered a report of the Governance Lead Officer on legacy issues from Cheshire County Council in relation to the scrutiny of health and adult social care.

The Committee's attention was drawn to a number of specific matters:

- Implications of the realignment of the two Cheshire Primary Care Trusts' (PCT) boundaries, which was shortly to be the subject of a consultation period led by Western Cheshire PCT;
- Social Care Redesign – this was due to be reported back to the Committee shortly;
- Patient Transport Services;
- North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) – at the County Council's final Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Select Committee meeting NWAS had attended to do a presentation to Members and agreed to attend future Scrutiny meetings on a regular six monthly basis;
- Relationships with Local Involvement Networks (LINKs).

RESOLVED: That

- (a) the list of legacy items contained within the report be noted;
- (b) a presentation by a representative(s) of the Local Involvement Network (LINK) be done to an early meeting of the Committee;
- (c) regular induction events continue based on issues identified by the Committee and officers; and

- (d) the Committee conduct an Audit of the Recommendations contained within the 6 Scrutiny Reviews carried out in the area of Health Scrutiny by the County Council – Diabetes, Obesity, Tobacco Control, Suicide Prevention Services, Access to Dental Services and Transport at the Countess of Chester Hospital Site.

33 ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered a report of the Governance Lead Officer listing various items previously identified by the Committee for inclusion in the Work Programme. The Committee had previously agreed to hold Mid Point meetings as one way of developing its Work Programme. The Committee noted that a first meeting of the Joint Scrutiny Committee with Wirral MB Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council was to be held in May and feedback would be presented to the next available meeting.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

34 FUTURE TRAINING/INDUCTION NEEDS

There were no additional Training/Induction Needs to those already identified above.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and concluded at 1.45 pm

Councillor A Richardson (Chairman)