



## **HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the meeting of the HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 10TH MARCH 2003 at 7.00 P.M. at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

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**PRESENT:** Councillor Eliza MANN (Chair)  
Councillor Dominic THORNCROFT (Vice-Chair)  
Councillors Denise CAPSTICK, Alun HAYES and Veronica WARD

**ALSO PRESENT:** Rosemary Watts – Southwark Community Care Forum (SCCF)

**OFFICERS:** Sarah Feasey – Legal Officer  
Eamon Lally – Corporate Strategy Unit  
Lucas Lundgren – Constitutional Support Unit

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none.

### **CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS**

The Members listed as being present were confirmed as the Voting Members.

### **NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS AS URGENT**

The Chair agreed to the circulation of the following items relating to Item 30 on the Agenda, i.e.

- Item 30: Modernising Day Care – Consideration of Draft Scrutiny Report:
- a. *Draft Final Report*
  - b. *Correspondence: Angela Stansworth (S.C.C.F.) to Susan Harrison (Social Services department) 1/03/03*
  - c. *Response from Southwark Pensioners' Action Group 4/03/03*

### **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**

Councillor Veronica Ward declared her employment with Age Concern (national) in relation to Item 30: Modernising Day Care.

## **RECORDING OF MEMBERS' VOTES**

Council Procedure Rule 1.17 (5) allows a Member to record her/his vote in respect of any motions and amendments. Such requests are detailed in the following Minutes. Should a Member's vote be recorded in respect to an amendment, a copy of the amendment may be found in the Minute File and is available for public inspection.

The Sub-Committee considered the items set out on the agenda, a copy of which has been incorporated in the Minute File. Each of the following paragraphs relates to the item bearing the same number on the agenda.

## **MINUTES**

Consideration of the Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2003 was deferred to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

### **30. MODERNISING DAY CARE – CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT REPORT**

The draft report of the Sub-Committee was presented by the Corporate Strategy officer and subsequently discussed by Members. Members

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. That the draft report of Health & Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee in respect of Modernising Day Care be agreed, subject to the following Member comments and additional points for inclusion, i.e.

- Para 5
- Social Services Department to be asked to provide details of their vision and definition of a "modernised" day care service.
  - Reference should be made to the role of carers, and the function of day care in providing respite from caring.
  - Report must include recognition that social interaction promotes physical, emotional and social wellbeing. Cllr Capstick can provide references if necessary.

- Para 5.4
- Last sentence of this paragraph to be amended to read "However, these groups and other expressed *frustration and disappointment* that the Council's proposals for day care were too..."

Incorporate the following into text between paragraphs 5.5 & 5.6:

- a) *The modernised day care service should look at providing services including O/T, chiropody, physiotherapy, etc;*
- b) *Social Services Department need to acknowledge that day care services that promote socialisation of elderly people play a part in counteracting dependency, admissions to care homes etc;*
- c) *Social Services must acknowledge that day care*

*provides valuable respite for carers.*

From page 5 of Item 30(b), include bullet pointed paragraph starting *“The voluntary sector has a vision of what this should be. It includes...(up to)...recognition that people need much more to thrive:”* here. Officers to re-phrase this list and remove actions not within remit of Social Services Department.

Para 5.18 Strengthen this recommendation, to make specific reference to individuals in Southwark who may meet eligibility criteria but have not been assessed.

Para 5.19 New recommendations, i.e.

- (a) *This Sub-Committee recognises the role of the voluntary sector in providing high-quality day care, and that in certain areas the sector sets the standard for such services by demonstrating best practice. Voluntary sector organisations making this provision should be supported by the Council.*
- (b) *The Sub-Committee believes that the voluntary sector should continue to play an integral part in the provision of day care services.*
- (c) *The Sub-Committee agrees that the Council should encourage best practice demonstrated by voluntary sector organisations and should maximise partnership working to develop and modernise day care provision.*

Para 5.22 Replace “alternative” with “additional.”

Add new recommendation:

*“The Council should give an assurance to voluntary organisations that necessary support will be given to those affected by modernisation of day care to access or identify alternative sources of funding.”*

Para 5.26 At end of paragraph, add words *“and the services of its partners.”*

Para 5.28 Amend recommendation to refer to *“housing department owned community venues”*.

Include additional sentence, i.e: *“The Sub-Committee recognises and welcomes the proposed audit of tenant halls to take place within the next few months.”*

Text should incorporate reference to the future of the Royal Road facility.

Para 5.36 Delete last sentence from recommendation.

2. Officers to provide copies of the Sub-Committee’s final report

to representatives the Office for Public Management undertaking review of scrutiny in Southwark.

3. Next meeting of Sub-Committee remains 28<sup>th</sup> April 2003, and health scrutiny workshop will now be held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2003 [was 8<sup>th</sup> April 2003].

The meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.

**CHAIR:**

**DATED:**

