

CABINET MEMBER - HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE
ON WEDNESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor Parry

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor D Rimmer

35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Cabinet Member, Councillor Porter and Councillor Brennan.

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

37. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

**38. PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT - FAIR SOCIETY,
HEALTHY LIVES**

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Acting Director of Public Health on the Public Health Annual Report - Fair Society, Healthy Lives.

The report indicated that each year, the Director of Public Health had responsibility to produce a report highlighting the health of the local population; that Sefton's Health 2010, 'Fair Society Healthy Lives' was the third report in a series recommending actions to address health inequalities in Sefton. The first of these reports in 2008, 'Investing to Save Lives', focused on reducing health inequalities in the short term; the second report in 2009, 'Investing for the Future', built upon this approach by focusing on actions needed to tackle inequalities in the medium term; whilst the third report built on the national Strategic Review of Health Inequalities produced by Professor Sir Michael Marmot (February 2010), by providing a framework to focus our efforts to improve health and well-being in a sustainable way for the longer term by addressing the following six policy objectives:

- Give every child the best start in life
- Enable all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives
- Create fair employment and good work for all

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- Ensure a healthy standard of living for all
- Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities
- Strengthen the role and impact of ill-health prevention

The report also indicated that despite people living longer and healthier lives, the priorities emerging from Sefton's recently updated Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) highlighted the need to:

- Reduce health inequalities within Sefton, and between Sefton and other areas
- Focus on prevention and early detection of both physical and mental illness
- Reduce the levels of behaviours that carry risk for future health
- Tackle the main diseases from which people die;

and concluded that as preparations were made for the establishment of Health and Well-being Boards, proposed in the NHS White Paper 'Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS', there was a need to continue to work in partnership and refocus priorities to ensure that combined resources were reallocated to address the key health needs in Sefton.

A copy of the Public Health Annual Report was appended to the report; and Cathy Warlow, Head of Health Improvements and Partnerships, NHS Sefton, presented the report to the Cabinet Member and Party Spokespersons.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report on the Sefton Public Health Annual Report 2010 be noted; and
- (2) Cathy Warlow be thanked for her informative presentation.

**39. SERVICE INSPECTION OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE -
IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE**

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director - Social Care and Well-Being on his department's updated Improvement Plan following the Care Quality Commission's (CQC) inspection of Adult Social Care, a copy of which was appended to the report.

The report indicated that the inspection focused on:

- (i) safeguarding adults
- (ii) improved quality of life for older people
- (iii) increased choice and control for older people;

that the CQC judged that the Council was performing well in respect of (i) and (iii) above and performing excellently in respect of (ii); and that the capacity to improve in Sefton was promising.

The report concluded by detailing the recommendations made by the CQC in order for the Council to rise to the challenge of continuous improvement. The improvement plan was submitted to CQC on 23 April 2010 and the timescale for the plan was six months.

This was a Key Decision and was included on the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions.

RESOLVED:

That progress on the Improvement Plan following the Care Quality Commission's inspection of Adult Social Care be noted.

40. SAFEGUARDING ADULTS IN SEFTON

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director - Social Care and Well-Being updating on the activity and developments in Safeguarding Adults in Sefton for the period April to September 2010

The report detailed the key areas focused on by Dignity in Care; together with the statistics relating to the monthly referral rates across the departmental teams; the primary service user group identification; and concluded by detailing recent outcomes.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report updating on Safeguarding Adults in Sefton be noted; and
- (2) further performance reports be submitted on a quarterly basis.

41. TRANSFORMING SOCIAL CARE QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director - Social Care and Well-Being on his department's Transforming Social Care Milestones; and indicating that a decision on this matter was required as the department was obliged by the Government, to report Transformation Progress to the Cabinet Member as part of the Care Quality Commission performance framework requirements.

The report detailed the underpinning requirements and milestones relating to:

- effective partnerships with people using services, carers and other local citizens
- self-directed support and personal budgets
- prevention and cost effective services - information and advice

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- local commissioning

This was a Key Decision and was included on the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions.

RESOLVED:

That the Transforming Social Care Quarterly Progress Report be noted.