



Buckinghamshire County Council
Select Committee
Health and Adult Social Care

Minutes

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SELECT COMMITTEE

Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 11 August 2015, in Mezzanine Room 3, County Hall, Aylesbury, commencing at 11.00 am and concluding at 12.00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Buckinghamshire County Council

Ms A Macpherson (In the Chair)

Mr R Reed, Mr B Adams, Ms J Blake, Mr N Brown, Mrs J Teesdale, Mr B Roberts and Mrs M Aston

District Councils

Mr A Green

Wycombe District Council

Mr N Shepherd

Chiltern District Council

Others in Attendance

Ms K Wager, Committee Adviser

Ms J Woodman, Committee Adviser

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

Apologies were received from: Mr Darren Hayday, Julia Wassell, Ms S Adoh, Mr T Hunter-Watts, Dr W Matthews, Mrs P Birchley.

There were no changes in membership.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were made.

3 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC



South Bucks
District Council



RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded for the following item which is exempt by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 because it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

4 DRAFT INQUIRY REPORT

The draft Select Committee Report on 15 minute care visits was introduced by the Chairman and Committee Adviser. It was explained that this item was to be considered in private session of the Committee as legal advice was needed on specific aspects of the report prior to public publication. This was because the service had just recently gone out to tender on the Domcillary Care Contract and it was important to ensure that this tender process was not adversely impacted by disclosing commercially sensitive information.

It was explained that the final report, if agreed by the Committee at this meeting today, would be published in online following the receipt of legal advice.

During the discussion the following points were made by Members:

- It was important to highlight the issues of staff pay within the report as this was something that was raised with Members during the evidence gathering. The recommendation on paying staff for their travel time was felt important to remain.
- The draft recommendation on governance was seen as also critical for the Council overall to help improve transparency and accountability for decision-making going forward.
- Members were extremely grateful to the officers who have helped them prepare this report and service users and carers for their time in allowing them to shadow visits.
- A number of minor wording amendments were suggested to improve the clarity of the draft report recommendations. It was agreed that these would be incorporated into the final report.

Following the discussion the Committee unanimously agreed the following resolution:

To agree to publish the report on 15 Minute Care Visits as a report of the Health and Adult Social Care Committee.

5 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on the 24th September 2015.

CHAIRMAN