

DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

JCC LEVEL 1 MEETING

Held on Monday 1st November 2010 in the Ebbw Room, Ty Penallta
(9.00 am – 10.50am)

PRESENT:

Albert Heaney	Corporate Director Social Services (Chair)
Dave Street	Interim Assistant Director Adult Services
Andrew Jarrett	Assistant Director Children's Services
Steve Harris	Financial Services Manager
Richard Ballantine	HR Manager
Gary Enright	Assistant Branch Secretary Unison
Mike Portlock	Unison Representative
Terry Bendle	GMB Representative

APOLOGIES:

None received

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1.	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES Albert Heaney welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies received were noted as above. AH explained that there was a busy agenda to go through and as Dave Street had another meeting to attend his items would be covered first.	
2.	MINUTES OF THE MEETING The minutes of the last meeting held on 14.07.10 were agreed	
3.	MATTERS ARISING Gary Enright informed those present that there were some issues with the staff within MOW not taking opportunities for redeployment and would be offering his support to address the problem. AH confirmed that the current model of service provision was under review and this would be added as an Agenda item at a future JCC	
4.	MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN • Reconfiguration of Residential Care Homes for Older People	

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	<p>A project group had been set up with the remit of considering the options and reporting back to scrutiny. Once Scrutiny had given a steer on the direction to follow full consultation with affected parties would commence.</p> <p>GE commented that the trade Union would not be in favour of a social enterprise as it appeared to be a form of privatisation. He confirmed that he had read good reports and bad reports on the subject and would share these documents with those present to make them aware of the pitfalls. He asked when feedback on the proposals were required.</p> <p>DS confirmed asap as the project was live and any information would be welcomed.</p> <p>GE requested that any cost analysis put forward should be actual costs rather than average costs. SH confirmed that this information was available by home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase of Independent Sector Domiciliary Care Summarised the proposals in the report. AH confirmed that the proposals offered a real opportunity to make savings without any impact on the service or staff. Whilst there maybe some impact on support staff other opportunities will arise for these staff to be accommodated e.g. Frailty • Learning Disability Services This proposals focuses on increasing the role of the independent sector and to work with them to improve the service and facilities available. This issue of monitoring the quality and service delivery had already been raised by members and would be incorporated into any contracts. • Other Children's Services Proposals Andrew Jarrett went through the proposals contained in the papers on the Agenda. He confirmed that unlike Adult Services there was a likelihood that Childrens services would be looking to bring services in-house. • Efficiencies through further Collaborative Working • Review of Assessment and Care Management Steve Harris explained that this was being approached from a high level review and there was a great deal more work to be undertaken. • Other Cross-Directorate Savings Proposals AH commented on some of the progress to date. The 	

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	<p>accommodation moves were underway. As a result the current reception staff have been successfully redeployed into new roles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IT replacement strategy has been amended which has led to a decrease in the potential savings. • A review of the transport provision is being undertaken across the authority which will look at reconfiguring the current services provided across a number of Directorates. <p>GE Queried the costs of PAT training and whether there was any support available. SH confirmed that this cost was being picked up corporately.</p> <p>AH reiterated that the current cost savings were based on £6.4 million but if the settlements coming out of WAG protected certain areas then this could impact upon the budgets available to Local Authorities.</p> <p>GE asked that if significant changes to the budget were made when would the effects be faced by the Authority. AH said that the current situation was challenging but achievable and the 2011/2012 budget should be manageable with savings delivered in the 10/11 financial year..</p>	
5.	<p>COLLABORATION AGENDA</p> <p>DS gave as an example the current work being undertaken by the Frailty project which involved co working between the Local Authority, Health and the voluntary sector. Plans were already in place for the CRT team to co locate in Enterprise House so parts of the service provision will be under the same roof.</p> <p>DS confirmed that the collaborative work on mental health was very much in its early stages of development and it is unlikely that anything will be in place before April 2012.</p> <p>An update was given on the North of the Borough Resource Centre and a review was being undertaken to see how the funding gap can be met.</p> <p>AH commented that the SE Wales Improvement Collaborative meets on a monthly basis and has looked into ways in which collaboration could improve services across the LA boundaries.</p> <p>In terms of Children with Disabilities there was currently a lot of service provision contracted out which was up for review in May/June 2011. Opportunities are being explored with Education and Health on how these services</p>	

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	could be improved.	
6.	<p>Resourcing & Performance Division Structure</p> <p>AH explained the background to the proposals that were being submitted for the restructure of the Division following the departure of the previous Assistant Director. Some of the areas would be managed centrally under the Corporate Services whilst others were retained within the Directorate but under revised management arrangements.</p>	
7.	<p>Accommodation Update</p> <p>SH gave an outline of the schedule of who was moving where and when.</p> <p>Childrens Services had already moved to Woodfieldside HART were due to move to Enterprise house on 8th November 2010-11-04 The moves to Ty Penallta would commence on 29th November 2010 and by the end of that week only a small number of staff would be based at Hawtin Park. (to be relocated early in the New Year)</p> <p>Staff would be given the opportunity to view the plans of Ty Penallta and to ask any questions relating to the move during a lunch time drop in session to be held in the staff restaurant in Hawtin Park.</p>	
8.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>AH raised the issue of the JCC level 2 meeting scheduled for Friday afternoon and whether there was any merit in going ahead with it in light of the detailed information that was discussed in the level 1 meetings. It was agreed by all that in the future it was only the level 1 meeting that would be continued.</p> <p>AJ explained that one of the issues being looked at was the reprovision of the services at Heol Aneurin and a new facility was being looked into which would allow for an increase in the number of beds from 4 to 5 to enable more service provision to be brought in house.</p>	
9.	<p>DATE, TIME & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on:</p> <p>Date : TBC in January 2011 Time : TBC Venue : TBC</p>	CB/RB