

DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

JCC MEETING

**Held on Wednesday 23rd March 2011 in the Ebbw Room, Ty Penallta
(9.00 am – 10.30am)**

PRESENT:

Albert Heaney	Corporate Director Social Services (Chair)
Richard Ballantine	HR Manager
Viv Daye	Service Manager Commissioning Adult Services
Gary Enright	Branch Secretary Unison
Juan Roberts Garcia	Assistant Branch Secretary Unison

APOLOGIES:

Andrew Jarrett	Assistant Director Children's Services
David Street	Assistant Director Adult Services
Steve Harris	Financial Services Manager

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1.	<p>WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</p> <p>Albert Heaney welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies received were noted as above.</p> <p>AH explained that Viv Daye was representing Adult Services as the Assistant Director was having to attend another meeting.</p> <p>AH raised the issue of substitutes attending if the designated officers were unavailable and this was accepted by all present.</p>	
2.	<p>MINUTES OF THE MEETING</p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.</p>	
3.	<p>MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>GE enquired whether there was any update on the Social Enterprise.</p> <p>AH stated an update would be requested from DS.</p> <p>AH confirmed that the restructure of Resourcing and Performance had been taken through the various stages and that there had been no detriment to the Services provided.</p>	DS

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	<p>AH confirmed that the accommodation moves had been successful and that positive feedback had been received from staff. There were some initial teething problems which have now been resolved. The projected savings were £500k.</p> <p>AH gave an update on the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and that many of the savings required were already in place e.g. Accommodation, service realignment. The budget reduction required for 2011/12 had already been delivered but there were additional cost pressures on certain services which would require careful management. Whilst the budget settlement had been favourable and gave some protection to Social Care there were elements of the MTFP which will still have to be pursued because of the increased pressures on demand for the services provided. AH stated that a recent presentation given to Cabinet Members on Demographic growth highlighted the problems being faced by the Directorate.</p> <p>GE queried whether there was a more strategic review of overheads and highlighted the issue of attendance at meetings where savings could be made by reducing the numbers attending</p> <p>AH confirmed that this was being looked at within the Directorate and with the collaborative work being undertaken.</p>	
4.	<p>WHITE PAPER – SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL SERVICES FOR WALES</p> <p>The paper acknowledged the improvements that have been made in services in Social Care but these will face significant increase in demand due to demographic changes. The report indicated the reduced need for inspection/regulation and recognised the role the Director of Social Services in delivering this change. The paper identified three priority areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children with complex need • Frailty • Transition <p>The report raised the Safeguarding Agenda and the possibility of a National Adults and Children’s Safeguarding Forum.</p> <p>The issue of collaboration was being looked at by all Authorities but we recognise that there is a need to retain a focus on local services. AH confirmed that Caerphilly</p>	

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	were committed to partnership where it was appropriate and where it delivered service improvement.	
5.	<p>YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE FUNDING</p> <p>AH confirmed that there had been a significant reduction in the budget (around 12%) and there was further risk due to the cuts linked to the Community Safety Partnership which had been a key supporter of YOS. The structure of the service was currently being reviewed, Caerphilly currently hosts a joint service for CCBC and Blaenau Gwent.</p> <p>Similarly, ISSP funding was also being reduced and we are currently looking at the implications across the Gwent wide area.</p>	
6.	<p>FRAILTY PROGRAMME UPDATE</p> <p>AH confirmed that the service was going live on 4th April and a report was taken to Cabinet the previous day and received approval.</p>	
7.	<p>PROGRESS REPORT ON INTEGRATION INITIATIVES</p> <p>There were 2 key areas being looked at Mental Health Learning Disability</p> <p>Whilst work was on going, the thinking at the moment is that Mental Health would be led by Health with the LA leading on Learning Disability. There was a great deal of work to be undertaken by the project Board and it is far too early to speculate on staff implications.</p> <p>AH confirmed that there was work being undertaken across the Gwent area which Caerphilly was leading on to look at Adult Placement/Shared Lives.</p>	
8.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>AH highlighted that work was being undertaken within the Directorate to reduce the level of Absence as the current rates were not acceptable.</p> <p>GE requested that the meeting scheduled for 20 June 2011 be rearranged due to the Union conference running from 20 June to 24 June</p>	CB
9.	DATE, TIME & VENUE OF NEXT MEETING	TBC

