

**HOUSING AND HEALTH SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE MINUTES**7 July 2004
5.30pm – 6.45

PRESENT: Councillors James (Chair), Adey, Armstrong, Blencowe, Downham, Herbert, Kightley, J Smith, Stebbings.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Smart (Executive Councillor for Housing and Health); Non-voting, co-opted members Mr B Haywood, Mrs K Harris, Mrs Vine-Lott (Cambridge Tenant Federation representatives), and Mr H Gault (Cambridgeshire Social Services).

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

04/HH/46 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings on 21 April and 26 May 2004 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

04/HH/47 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Adey.

04/HH/48 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Stebbings declared a personal interests as a Council Tenant in item 04/HH/53 (Medium Term Strategy).

04/HH/49 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from members of the public.

04/HH/50 PRESENTATION BY PCT ON SUPPORTING PEOPLE

Representatives from Cambridge PCT made a presentation at the close of the meeting to the Scrutiny Committee on the PCT's work on the Supporting People agenda. This arose from a suggestion during discussion on the City Council's Best Value Review of Sheltered Housing at Scrutiny Committee on 21 April.

The representatives were thanked by the Chair and Executive Councillor.

04/HH/51 GENERAL FUND: REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS, CARRY FORWARDS AND SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES FOR 2003/04 *(See also Record of Decsion 040707/h&h/01)*

The officers said that there was a further Carry Forward to be added to those listed in appendix C to the report. This related to the Regulatory Reform Order for the Environmental Health and Protection Service totalling £1,900 for a similar purpose to that shown under Community Services in Appendix C.

The effect would be to amend the Carry Forward reduction to be recommended to Council to £27,900 not £29,800 as shown in the report.

The Committee agreed the recommendation for the Executive Councillor as amended above, by 5 votes to 0.

The Executive Councillor agreed the recommendations.

04/HH/52 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT: REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS, CARRY FORWARDS AND SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES FOR 2003/04 (See also *Record of Decision 040707/h&h/02*)

The officers referred to the fencing work sub-contracted to City Services which was required to complete a programme of Works approved by the Housing and Health Committee in October 2002. A report by the Head of Internal Audit would be considered at the Special Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on 8 September.

The Committee agreed the recommendations for the Executive Councillor by 5 votes to 0.

The Executive Councillor agreed the recommendations.

04/HH/53 MEDIUM TERM STRATEGY - JULY 2004 (See also *Record of Decision 040707/h&h/03*)

The Committee was invited to put forward comments on the Medium Term Strategy for consideration by the Leader.

Members recalled that the Stock Options Review would be considered at the Special Meeting on 8 September when the timetable for the consultation process would be confirmed.

The Committee said there were no specific views to put to the Leader.

The Executive Councillor agreed.

04/HH/54 GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS - ANNUAL REVIEW 2004 (See also *Record of Decision 040707/h&h/04*)

The Chair reported on comments by a member of the public at North Area Committee on the Council's approach to single parent families and the need to take into account the need for men's organisations in the same way as support is given to organisations such as Womens Aid. Officers said that this and similar issues would be taken into account in the forthcoming review of housing allocation.

The Committee agreed the recommendations, as amended, for the Executive Councillor by 5 votes to 0.

The Executive Councillor agreed the recommendations.

04/HH/55 **WRITE OFF OF FORMER TENANT ARREARS** *(See also Record of Decision 040707/h&h/05)*

Members asked for consideration to be given to inclusion of the ward in where the tenancy arrears accrued in future reports.

The Committee agreed the recommendations for the Executive Councillor by 6 votes to 0.

The Executive Councillor agreed the recommendations.

04/HH/56 **APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES** *(See also Record of Decision 040707/h&h/06)*

The Committee recommended the following appointments

Organisation

Representatives

Ditchburn Place Management Committee

Cllrs Blencowe, J Rosenstiel and Smart
Cllr Smart was appointed as Chair by 6 votes to 3.

Free Nursing Care Complaints/ Continuing
Heath Care Review Panel (formerly Continuing
Care Review Panel)

Cllrs Hughes and Smart

The Executive Councillor agreed the recommendations.

04/HH/57 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved to exclude the press and public on the basis that if they were present there would be information disclosed which is exempt from publication under paragraph 7 of the Council's Constitution page 154.

04/HH/58 **COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER: PROPERTY Q** *(See also Record of Decision 040707/h&h/07)*

The Committee agreed the recommendation for the Executive Councillor by 5 votes to 0.

The Executive Councillor agreed the recommendation.

The meeting ended at 6.45pm

CHAIR