

## **Adult Services & Health Select Committee**

A meeting of Adult Services & Health Select Committee was held on Monday, 25th February, 2008.

**Present:** Cllr Mrs Ann Cains (Chairman), Cllr Mrs Lynne Apedaile, Cllr Cains (vice Cllr Beall), Cllr Aidan Cockerill, Cllr Mrs Eileen Craggs, Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Mrs Liz Nesbitt

**Officers:** A Baxter, S McEneaney, R Hill (CESC); G Birtle, F Shayler (LD).

**Also in attendance:** Councillor Walmsley; Peter Brennan (Village Park Residents Association).

**Apologies:** were submitted on behalf of Cllrs Beall, Javed, Gardner.

### **ASH 74/07**

**Declarations of Interest**  
Councillor Mrs Craggs declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in relation to Agenda Item No. 6 Review of Parkview Care Home.

### **ASH 75/07**

**Minutes and notes of meeting - 18th December, 2007**  
The minutes and the notes of the inquorate meeting held on 18th December were noted by the Committee.

### **ASH 76/07**

**Draft Minutes - 7th January, 2008**  
The draft minutes of the meeting of 7th January were agreed as a correct record subject to the addition of some additional information as agreed by the Committee.

### **ASH 77/07**

**Momentum - Pathways to Healthcare**  
An update was provided on Momentum - Pathways to Healthcare. A task and Finish Group would be established with Members from Stockton, Hartlepool and Durham.

CONCLUDED that the update be noted.

### **ASH 78/07**

**Review of Parkview Care Home**  
Members had gathered their evidence as part of the review of Parkview Care Home. The additional financial information as requested by the Committee had been tabled at the meeting for Members consideration.

The Committee had produced a draft report which Officers felt was a fair representation of the evidence gathered.

At the all day evidence gathering session held on 14th February, six members of the public including members of the TIA attended. A Public Meeting was held on the evening to answer questions from Members of the Public and interested parties to which 22 attended. Other meetings were also held with interested parties and all of the questions and answers from these sessions had been collated and would be put on the Council Website and appended to the Cabinet Report in March. Members requested that a copy be forwarded to themselves

once the information was available.

Members went through the report page by page and made some minor amendments.

Discussion was held on the issue of sickness absence at Parkview with a total of 2282 working days being lost to sickness absence between April 2006 and January 2008. Members wished that it be highlighted within the report that around 1,000 of these days lost was due to 3 members of staff being on long term sickness absence.

Members questioned the lack of advertising and requested that they receive a copy of the booklet for Parkview Care Home that was sent to prospective clients.

Discussion was held on the possibility of upgrading Parkview to a Grade 1 standard, this amongst other criteria would mean providing ensuite facilities to each room, which could mean a reduction in rooms. Parkview also required a new gas boiler and Officers felt that the lift would also need replacing. A full structural survey and review would be required to determine the full extent of the works required.

Members discussed the Cabinet decision made in December 2001 whereby the decision to maintain Parkview Care Home was made and other Council owned Care Homes were closed. It was requested that a copy of the papers from this meeting be forwarded to Members of the Committee.

Members also requested that a copy of the client contributions to Parkview be received.

Members examined the draft conclusions within the report where four outcomes for Parkview Care Home had been arrived at. Outcome 2 - to find resources to bring Parkview up to a Grade 1 standard and Outcome 3 - to develop Parkview as an Extra Care Facility, both received support by Members.

The Committee was reminded that it had not been asked to make specific recommendations about the future of Parkview but to provide information about the national and local policy framework around services for older people and the factual issues around Parkview Care Home focusing particularly on the building, occupancy, care standards, financial information and staffing.

Councillor Mrs Craggs proposed that a recommendation be made to refurbish Parkview to a Grade 1 standard and that relevant resources should be found. There were six remaining members in attendance at this stage in the meeting who took a vote and four members were in support of this proposal.

CONCLUDED that the recommendation to find resources to bring Parkview up to a Grade 1 standard be forwarded to Cabinet.

**ASH**      **Work Programme**  
**79/07**

Members discussed their future work programme. It was anticipated that Audiology would be the next review topic.

CONCLUDED that the Work Programme be noted.

**ASH**  
**80/07**

**Chairman's Update**

None