

THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA
HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

16 MARCH 2011

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF GOVERNANCE SERVICES

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

1.0 WORKING PARTIES

1.1 Since the Committee's previous meeting, both Working Parties have met for the first time.

a) Noise and Nuisance Working Party

1.2 At its first meeting on 8 February the Working Party, chaired by Cllr Terence Buxton, received a presentation from officers on the Council's noise and nuisance service, which helped to identify key areas which it would be useful to address at subsequent meetings. It was also agreed that individual visits should be arranged for Members of the Working Group to accompany officers on call-outs, in order to familiarise them with activity at the 'coalface'.

1.3 The meeting also agreed the following terms of reference for the Working Party:

"To address the following questions:

a) What are the top priorities for the Noise and Nuisance Service, and what should be regarded as its lower priorities?

b) What kind of enforcement is expected by Members?

c) What can legitimately be expected of residents by way of self-help?

d) What information should be provided via the Council's website to guide and help residents?"

1.4 At its second meeting (3 March), the Working Group considered data providing a more detailed understanding of the types of incidents officers had to deal with, when they were most likely to occur, and the possibilities for better matching of resources to peak demand.

These issues would be explored in greater depth at the next meeting on 21 March.

b) Homecare Working Party

- 1.5 At its first meeting on 14 February, the Working Party, chaired by Cllr Weale, considered a paper which addressed the background to the review of homecare, covering the supply environment, contract monitoring, and organisational processes and quality monitoring. Following a discussion, it was agreed that detailed information should be presented to the next meeting on 17 March, to enable the Working Party to get to grips with a range of areas relating to provision.
- 1.6 It was also agreed that an approach should be made to LINKs regarding their possible contribution to the work of the review.
- 1.7 The Working Party agreed that Terms of Reference should be drafted, based on three themes identified at the meeting by Cllr Weale. These will be circulated shortly to Members of the Committee for information.

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2.0 ROTA VISITS

- 2.1 Following the Committee's decision at its meeting in November 2010, officers drew up a schedule of rota visits for Members to establishments delivering services within the Committee's remit, covering the period January to end of July 2011.
- 2.2 A copy of the schedule (together with a pro-forma for recording comments) has been circulated to Members. Details of visits made will be reported for information to the Committee.

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3.0 THE FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

- 3.1 Attached as an **Appendix** is an extract from the Forward Plan showing all those decisions to be taken by individual Cabinet Members or the full Cabinet which will be open to scrutiny by this Scrutiny Committee.

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4. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORTS CIRCULATED PREVIOUSLY

- 4.1 As in the case of the former Housing, Environmental Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee, when certain performance monitoring reports have been circulated electronically outside the

meeting cycle, there is provision for Members to raise queries on matters contained in such reports at the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

- 4.2 A report entitled 'Major changes to Environmental Health and Trading Standards Department, post-Imperatives and Opportunities 2011/12' has been circulated since the Committee's previous meeting.

5.0 MONITORING AGENDA PAPERS FOR NHS TRUST BOARDS AND NEIGHBOURING BOROUGH'S HEALTH O&S COMMITTEES

- 5.1 The former Health Scrutiny Committee had a well-established system whereby each of its Members received and monitored one or more local NHS trust board agendas and those of neighbouring Westminster City Council and LB Hammersmith & Fulham's Health OSCs, as set out below in paragraph 4.3.

- 5.2 At its previous meeting, the existing vacancies were filled, and the Committee now has a full complement of representatives.

- NHS Kensington and Chelsea - Cllr. Healy
- Chelsea & Westminster Hospital - Cllr. Healy
- Central N.W. London NHS Foundation Trust - Cllr. Freeman
- Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust - Cllr Hoier
- Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS Foundation Trust - Cllr Wade
- Royal Marsden NHS Foundation Trust - Cllr. Dr. Hanham
- Westminster CC's Health OSC - Cllr. Dr. Hanham
- LB Hammersmith & Fulham's Health OSC - Cllr. T. Buxton
- London Strategic Health Authority - Cllr. Pascall
- London Ambulance Trust - Cllr Freeman

- 5.3 Each of the above Members should receive agendas for these boards/OSC's on a regular basis and are invited to flag-up to the wider Scrutiny Committee membership - either at meetings or by e-mail beforehand - any developments of particular importance and/or where there appear to be issues in which the Committee might usefully get involved.

- 5.4 If any Member experiences difficulty in receiving agenda for meetings, they should contact Mr Wilson in Governance Services in the first instance.

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Background papers used in preparing this report: none.
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