

A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD

WAS HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2011

The Mayor (Councillor Carter C R) (ex-officio), Chairman of the Policy and Organisation Board (Councillor Hook) (ex-officio) (P), Councillors Mrs Bailey, Burgess (P), C K Carter (P), Mrs Cully (P), Edgar (P), Mrs Forder (P), Henshaw (P), Hylands, Mrs Hook (P), Jessop (P), Kimber (P) and Murphy (P).

27. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

28. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD HELD ON 3 OCTOBER 2011

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Community Board held on 3 October 2011 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

30. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

31. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

32. OLDER PERSONS SERVICES; HCC SUPPORTING PEOPLE STRATEGIC REVIEW AND SERVICE IMPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to a report of the Housing Services Manager which informed Members of the conclusions of the Hampshire County Council Strategic Review of Older Persons Services and outlined the implications for the older person's services in Gosport.

The Manager advised the Board of the following amendments to Table 4 on page 6/6:

Level Two	Alarm monitoring plus 24 hour response	£5.08 Clients currently pay nothing. This will affect 109 clients	7.58 Clients currently pay £6.81. This £0.77 increase will affect 51 clients
Level Three	Alarm monitoring plus weekly visit	£7.38	£9.88

		New service	New service
Level Four	Alarm monitoring, 24 hour response, weekly welfare visit	£9.23 Clients currently pay nothing. This will affect 35 clients	£11.73 Clients currently pay £9.93. This £1.80 increase will affect 6 clients

A Councillor observed that the needs and security of those living in sheltered accommodation needed to be considered when opening up the facilities at sheltered accommodation to those who do not live there. Officers reassured the Board that this would be taken into consideration.

Councillors asked whether these new services would stretch officers beyond their capacities. The Board was reassured that staffing issues were not an issue.

Officers advised that 144 clients would be affected by the increases and it was confirmed that those who would be affected would receive advice and assistance to help them making a decision about the type and level of service they will continue with after the changes are introduced in April 2012.

RESOLVED: That:

- a) the outcome of the Hampshire County Council Supporting People strategic review of older persons services within Hampshire and in particular the impact on services currently provided by this Council be noted;
- b) the changes to the Council's schemes, as a result of the review and as set out in the Managers report, including the amendments to table 4 be approved; and
- c) the Housing Services Manager be authorised to negotiate the new contract as described in the report.

33. HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION INITIATIVES 2012/13

Consideration was given to a report of the Housing Services Manager which sought to inform Members of the continuing excellence of the Council's homelessness prevention outcomes and to seek approval of continued financial support for 2012/13.

RESOLVED: That approval be given to the homelessness financial support to external bodies for 2012/13 as follows:

- a) Gosport Citizens Advice Bureau, debt service: £31,640 of which £3,200 to be paid from Housing Revenue Account;
- b) Accommodation Resource Centre or other agency determined through the Hampshire tender exercise (Mediation and homeless education service) £8,626; and
- c) The Family Intervention Project operated by the Roberts Centre. Total funding required is £39,957.

34. ANY OTHER ITEMS

There was no other business.

The meeting ended at 6.12 pm.

CHAIRMAN