



Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

9 September 2015

-: Present :-

Councillor Lewis (Chairman)

Councillors Barnby, Bent, Bye, Darling (S), Stockman, Stocks, Tolchard and Tyerman

(Also in attendance: Councillors Amil, Brooks, Excell, Haddock, King, Parrott and Thomas (D))

18. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of the Board held on 8 July and 17 August 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19. Revenue Budget Monitoring 2015/2016 - Quarter 1

The Board considered the Revenue Budget Monitoring 2015/2016 Report for Quarter 1. The Board raised concerns regarding the predicted overspend of £3.7m and questioned the expenditure pressures in both children's and adults' social care.

Resolved: that a report regarding the expenditure pressures within Children's Services be presented to the Board at their meeting on 14th October 2015 which covers:

- An update on the implementation of the projects within the 5 Year Plan
- Recovery plan in relation to the increase in agency staff costs
- An analysis of children currently in the care system
- An update on current performance
- An update on the Social Work Innovation Fund Project

20. Capital Investment Plan Update - 2015/2016 Quarter 1

The Board considered the Capital Investment Plan Update – 2015/16 Quarter One.

The report presented to the Board recommended that £1m from uncommitted affordable housing budget be reallocated to a capital projects fund. The Board raised concerns regarding the recommendation to reallocate £1m given that the Housing Strategy was currently being developed.

Resolved: the Board recommends that funding be not reallocated until the Housing Strategy has been developed and demonstrates how the Council will meet housing need without this funding.

21. Disabled Facilities Grants

The Board considered a report on the current position of the Disabled Facilities Grant. The Board felt that the questions it raised at the meeting of the Board held on 8 July 2015 had not been addressed within the report presented and raised questions in relation to the allocation of funding within this grant, the criteria for accessing this grant and the disparity between the grant provided and how much has been spent.

Resolved: that Councillors Barnby, Bent and Darling (S) investigate the matter further with the Executive Lead for Adults and Children's Services and officers and provide a report back to the Board at their meeting in October 2015.

22. Review of Procedures for Granting Leases

This item was deferred to the meeting of the Board to be held in October 2015.

Chairman
