

**THE MORAY COUNCIL**  
**HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2010**  
**COUNCIL OFFICE, ELGIN**

**PRESENT**

Councillors L Bell (Chairman), A McKay, J Cree, B Jarvis, G Leadbitter, A McDonald, G McIntyre, J Mackay, I Ogilvie, D Ross, J Sharp and A Wright.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Director of Community Services, the Acting Head of Community Care, the Integrated Learning, LD Services Manager, Mrs D Bosworth, Principal Accountant, Mrs R Gunn, Senior Solicitor (Litigation & Licensing), Mr D Westmacott, Committee Services Apprentice and Mrs S Kennedy, Committee Services Officer as Clerk to the Meeting.

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor P Paul.

**1. EXEMPT INFORMATION**

The meeting resolved that in terms of Section 50A(4) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the public and media representatives be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items of business appearing at the relevant paragraphs of this minute as specified below, so as to avoid disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the appropriate paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

<b><u>Para No of Minute</u></b>	<b><u>Para No of Schedule 7A</u></b>
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**2. DECLARATION OF GROUP INTERESTS**

There were no declarations from group leaders or spokespersons in regard to any prior decisions taken on how members will vote on any item on the Agenda or any declarations of Members Interest in respect of any item on the Agenda.

### **3. WRITTEN QUESTIONS**

There were no written questions at this meeting.

### **4. COMMUNITY CARE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING**

There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Community Services informing the Committee of the current position regarding the Community Care and Criminal Justice Revenue and Capital Budgets as at 31 December 2009 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

### **5. DELAYED DISCHARGE GRANT**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Services setting out the funding allocation with regard to delayed discharge grant in previous years through NHS Grampian and how this resource was utilised.

Following consideration the Committee agreed:

- (i) to approve the changes made to Delayed Discharge Funding for 2009/10;
- (ii) to approve the outline funding of £295,000 for 2009/10 to be paid to NHS Grampian as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (iii) that a further report on the outcome of negotiations with NHS Grampian be submitted to the next meeting of this Committee.

### **6. ADULT SUPPORT AND PROTECTION**

Under reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the Policy and Resources Committee dated 28 October 2008, there was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Community Services updating the Committee on the progress being made in Moray to implement the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007.

### **7. ADULT SOCIAL CARE GOVERNANCE POLICY**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Services seeking Committee approval for the Adult Care Services Governance Policy.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to approve the Adult Care Services Governance Policy as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

## **8. SOCIAL WORK INSPECTION AGENCY (SWIA) - OUTCOME OF FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION 2009**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Services advising the Committee of the outcome of the Social Work Inspection Agency (SWIA) follow-up performance inspection which took place in June and August 2009, and outlining what has been undertaken and planned in relation to the four areas where SWIA considers more progress is required.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to note:

- (i) the outcome of the follow-up performance inspection of Social Work Services in Moray; and
- (ii) the progress made and actions planned in relation to the remaining areas of practice requiring further development in relation to community care provision for adults.

## **9. MORAY ASSISTED TAXI SCHEME (MATS)**

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Services seeking Committee approval to amend the structure of the Moray Assisted Taxi Scheme (MATS) to meet future demand within available budget.

During discussions Members requested that the Director and Acting Head of Community Care in consultation with the Service Manager and the Public Transport Unit provide comparator rates used by other local authorities for this service.

Following consideration the Committee agreed:

- (i) that reimbursement to MATS' clients be reduced from 50% to 33.3% per journey;
- (ii) that the maximum single fare reimbursement be increased from £5.00 to £6.00 per single journey; and
- (iii) that the number of journeys be decreased from 8 per month to 6 per month.

## **10. QUESTION TIME**

In response to a question from Councillor Ross asking if the department had learned any lessons during the recent spell of bad weather conditions and if a report on the findings would be submitted to Committee, the Acting Head of Community Care advised that she was currently engaged in a debriefing session with staff and that this information would be made available to Elected Members.

## **11. COMPLAINTS REVIEW COMMITTEE - CASE NO 3/2009 (PARA 7)**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Legal Officer inviting the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee in respect of Case No 3/2009 and decide on what action to take in respect of the complaint.

Following consideration the Committee approved the recommendations of the Complaints Review Committee in respect of Case No 3/2009.

## **12. COMPLAINTS REVIEW COMMITTEE - CASE NO 02/2009 (PARA 7)**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Legal Officer inviting the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee in respect of Case No 02/2009 and decide on what action to take in respect of the complaint.

Following consideration the Committee approved the recommendations of the Complaints Review Committee in respect of Case No 02/2009.

The Committee further agreed that a snapshot to the background to the cases be included in future reports to the Committee.