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## Statutory Joint Scrutiny Committee

Thursday, 16 November 2006 4.00 p.m.  
Civic Suite, Town Hall, Runcorn

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**Chief Executive**

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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<b>Councillor Diane Inch</b>
<b>Councillor Kath Loftus</b>

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The next meeting of the Committee is on Date Not Specified*

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Warrington Borough Council



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10 November 2006

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Statutory Joint Scrutiny Committee - 16 November 2006**

Please find attached the under mentioned item to be considered by the Statutory Joint Scrutiny Committee on Thursday, 16 November 2006.

Item 9 is a Summary Report - Warrington Borough Council, that has not been notified five clear working days before the meeting. However, the Chairman has agreed to accept the report in order to progress the matter.

Item	Title
9	Summary Report - Warrington Borough Council

Could you please bring your copy of this report the meeting on Thursday.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'T. Molyneux'.

Tina Molyneux  
Senior Democratic Services Officer  
(Clerk to the Statutory Joint Scrutiny Committee)





## WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICES

### REPORT FOR JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2006

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LEARNING DISABILITY AND CORPORATE SOCIAL SERVICES**

#### INTRODUCTION

This report summarises the current position in Warrington in relation to the implementation of Models of Care by the 5 Boroughs Partnership Trust [5BPT]. Following the last Joint OSC meeting, local discussions have taken place at Executive Director level between the Borough Council, Warrington PCT and the 5BPT Trust in respect of the outstanding concerns of the Committee.

#### PROGRESS TO DATE

Joint OSC Concerns	Current Position
<p>1. The plan of the PCT to withdraw up to £2M from the 5BPT from April 07 to contribute to the PCTs financial recovery plan may prevent MoC implementation in Warrington</p>	<p>This is still the subject of discussions between the PCT and 5BPT. The PCT are currently reviewing their funding of continuing care cases which may affect the ability to place patients with complex needs into specialist rehabilitation placements. This may create more delayed discharges on in-patient units which may affect the scope for the full bed reductions planned.</p>
<p>2. The PCT seeking confirmation from 5BPT as to the detailed use of the £19m funding allocated for Warrington services including confirmation that it is not being used to fund other boroughs services</p>	<p>This is also the subject of current discussions between the PCT and 5BPT although 5BPT have previously given the Joint OSC assurances that Warrington funding is used only for Warrington.</p>
<p>3. Confirmation that the £1m cost improvements to fund the additions to Models of Care following consultation will not affect front line services</p>	<p>This information has been supplied by 5BPT direct to the Joint OSC</p>

<p><b>4. Ensuring full Borough Council involvement locally in the implementation of Models of Care on a partnership basis</b></p>	<p>A local joint commissioning action plan has now been agreed with 5BPT based on the initial LA impact assessment of the Models of Care proposals on Council services. This includes how a revised local meeting structure, including Executive Director oversight, will ensure full Council involvement in decision making.</p>
<p><b>5. The redesign of Older People's Mental Health services to enable more community services for older people to be set up from April 2007 so as to enable Older People's beds to be reduced</b></p>	<p>A local draft strategy for Older People's Mental Health Services is now in place. This includes plans to redesign existing Older People's services within 5BPT to free up resources to invest in developing integrated Community Teams with the Council from April 2007. However, the PCT financial recovery plan may prevent these freed up resources being used for community services, thus putting the bed closure programme, as it affect older people, at risk</p>
<p><b>6. Agreeing some flexibility in the use of local 5BPT resources in the proposed new teams to ensure that these complement Borough Council provided services within integrated teams such as CMHTs</b></p>	<p>Good progress has been made with 5BPT on this and changes have been made to the staffing structure of Adult CMHTs to fit better alongside Council's staffing. This includes ensuring sufficient staff to act as Care Co-ordinators for people with enhanced and complex needs.</p>
<p><b>7. Are transitional costs enough to cover the pump priming of community services and what is the current allocation of £500k being used for</b></p>	<p>Confirmation received from 5BPT that the £500k is being used for training, project costs and infrastructure. There is no additional money available for pump-priming community services ahead of bed closures. The Council has confirmed that it cannot provide any additional resources in this respect.</p>
<p><b>8. Confirmation that the "two centre" Resource and Recovery Model will be implemented in Warrington in which community patient receive support in a community based resource centre and will not have to travel up the Hollins Park to receive support unless they become in-patients</b></p>	<p>5BPT have now confirmed this at Executive Director level. Work is now progressing locally with full Council involvement as to how the community resource centre can operate effectively on a joint basis</p>

**SUMMARY**

Whilst significant progress has been made in Warrington in relation to the Joint OSC concerns, the key issue outstanding is the level of funding available to 5BPT from Warrington PCT.

5BPT have been clear with the Joint OSC that their Models of Care proposals are based on having no funding withdrawn from PCTs.

Given assurances provided by 5BPT about no cross subsidy of services across boroughs, then the Joint OSC needs to consider whether the uncertain Warrington position needs to affect the implementation of the proposals in the other boroughs.

Warrington's own Health OSC have requested Warrington PCT to attend its meeting in December 2006 to discuss the key financial issues described above. This will include consideration of whether Models of Care implementation remains viable in Warrington. This will include consideration of the potential impact on the Council's own mental health services of such a position and whether joint mental health services in the community can continue to be provided in a safe way.