

EXECUTIVE BOARD SUB COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Executive Board Sub Committee on Thursday, 21 September 2006 at Marketing Suite.

Present: Councillors Wharton (Chairman) and Harris

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Nelson

Absence declared on Council business: (none)

Officers present: G. Ferguson, J. Tradewell, P. McWade and A Fearn

Also in attendance: (none)

ITEM DEALT WITH UNDER POWERS AND DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE

Action

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PORTFOLIO

ES38 APPOINTEE & RECEIVERSHIP POLICY

The Appointee and Receivership Service was set up to assist those Council Service users who were unable or found it difficult to manage their own finances on a day to day basis, and those who had been assessed under the Vulnerable Adults criteria. It was believed that by removing the worry of dealing with their own finances, this would aid the recovery of the service user.

It was noted that at present the Council applied a 50% charge against interest to off set the running of the service. The existing arrangements within the Appointee and Receivership Policy had been formally reviewed, to include an increase in fee income to 100% of interest receivable.

In order to promote independence, as outlined in the White Paper, Our Health, Our Care, Our Say, the Appointee and Receivership Section was currently undertaking a research exercise to identify alternative ways for service users to be assisted with financial management through benchmarking against other neighbouring local authorities and incorporating the principles of activities across other North West support services.

It was recommended that a further report be brought back to the Sub-Committee in February 2007 for approval of any revisions to the policy for 2007/08 in the light of changes as outlined in the review, White Paper and Office of Public Guardian.

RESOLVED: That

(1) the revision of charges against interest within the Appointee and Receivership policy be approved; and

(2) a further report be submitted to the Sub-Committee in February 2007.

Strategic Director
Health and
Community

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CALL IN: 3rd OCTOBER 2006

Any matter decided by the Executive Board Sub-Committee may be called in no later than 3rd October 2006.

Meeting ended at 10.05 a.m.