

Leicester  
City Council

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**North Braunstone, Rowley Fields, Westcotes, Western Park**

**FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS:**

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**Braunstone Health and Social Care Project**

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**Report of the Director of Social Services**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To confirm the City Council's interest in the possible development of a health and social care centre, with Leicester City West Primary Care Trust and the Braunstone Community Association (through the New Deal Programme), in Braunstone. It is anticipated that health and social care staff serving the surrounding area would be co-located and that new models of service integration would be developed over time.

**2. Summary**

- 2.1 Work by the Leicester Health Action Zone in support of the New Deal for Braunstone bid identified higher death rates than predicted in several disease areas, and an increased prevalence of mental health problems and coronary heart disease in the area. The subsequent community consultation that led to the Delivery Plan identified the need for a new doctors' surgery in the area and for single point of access to the wide variety of health and social care services delivered to the area.
- 2.2 The report produced, "A New Deal for Health and Social Care in Braunstone", identified the need to review and potentially remodel service delivery on the Braunstone estate to take account of the diverse mixture of health and social care needs. The Leicester Health Action Zone funded a Project Manager and secretarial support to develop an action plan to take forward the conclusions of the report.
- 2.3 The project commenced in April 2001. The proposal involves the development of a Health and Social Care Centre. The project steering group, of which the Director of Social Services is a member, is planning to seek capital funding through New Deal for Communities resources from the Braunstone Community Association. Government Office East Midlands are already supporting the project and will carry out the appraisal of the Outline Business Case (OBC), in partnership with the NHS Regional Office.

**3. Recommendations**

- 2.1 Cabinet is asked to:

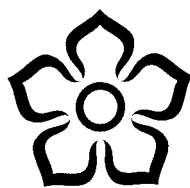
- (a) confirm the City Council's interest in participating in the development of a Health and Social Care Centre for Braunstone;
- (b) delegate to the Director of Social Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Lead for Social Services and Personal Health, authority to submit the joint Outline Business Case; and
- (c) receive further reports on the progress of the project, including any future land, property or service implications.

#### **4. Headline Financial and Legal Implications**

- 4.1 The Project Manager is funded by the Leicester Health Action Zone. There are some costs associated with the preparation of an Outline Business Case (approximately £25,000) and Leicester City West PCT has indicated its intention to seek a contribution from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund health stream towards these. The capital costs of the Centre would be sought from New Deal for Communities. On that basis, it is likely that Braunstone Community Association would be the landlord, with the PCT as tenant and the Social Services Department as sub-tenant.
- 4.2 The project is considering possible sites for the Centre. Should any of these be in the ownership of the City Council, separate advice would be given to the Cabinet on options for proceeding.
- 4.3 The development of any integrated services would be within the terms of the Health Act 1999 and the Health and Social Care Act 2001 and the Health and Social Care Act 2001. As the project progresses legal advice will be required on implementation proposals. (Guy Goodman, Assistant Head of Legal Services – 252 7054).

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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**1. Report**

- 1.1 Nationally, there is a move to closer integration of health and social care, using common assessment frameworks, common performance measures, and the pooling of budgets under the flexibilities allowed under the Health Act 1999. The NHS Plan makes a commitment that where possible health care should move from secondary care to be delivered locally and accessibly to the community it serves.
- 1.2 Additionally there are now National Service Frameworks (NSFs) in place specifically covering mental health, coronary heart disease, cancer and services to older people, with a children's NSF under development. All of these are highly relevant to Braunstone residents. These NSFs have clear targets and performance criteria to achieve in order to improve the quality of care and disease management, with impact on both social care and health.
- 1.3 The City Council has demonstrated its commitment to such integration by the adoption in 2000 of a direction of travel paper, that proposed a range of measures to deliver its social care functions in partnership with Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) in the City and NHS Trusts serving the City. The first major step towards this was agreement in 2001 to second staff and managers into the Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust providing mental health services to Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.
- 1.4 Leicester City West PCT, Eastern Leicester PCT and Leicester City Council are working in partnership to take forward an application for LIFT (Local Improvement Finance Trust) status. Within this proposal the wider vision is to develop 6 or 7 health and social care centres across the city. NHS LIFT is a public/private partnership that is the delivery framework for the Government's £1bn investment in primary care infrastructure.

1.5 This proposal also fits well with the Council's intention to revitalise neighbourhoods and the provision of locally responsive services.

## **2. Project Objectives**

2.1 The principal objectives of the project are as follows:

- To identify services for co-location from the health and social care organisations.
- To develop a joint model for the provision of health and social care on the Braunstone estate, serving an appropriate catchment area as one of 6 or 7 such facilities proposed for the city.
- To reach an agreement with partner agencies about the role, function and accountability of staff working in the centre.
- To identify the capital infrastructure to support the model of care delivery identified within the project.
- To identify the critical mass to support various services in locally accessible sites for primary and secondary health services, and social care services.
- To consult the local community about the services required to meet locally identified need.

2.2 The project is being managed using project management methodology. The structure incorporates the Braunstone Community Association, PCT Chief Executive and Chair and the Director of Social Services, together with GP input and the Health Action Zone at Steering Group level. There is strong organisational and Braunstone resident representation throughout the sub-groups and project board.

2.3 The Project hopes to be in a position to submit its Outline Business Case by September 2002. On that basis the centre could be operational in 2004.

## **FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

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### **2. Legal Implications**

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### **3. Other Implications**

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph Within Supporting information	References
Equal Opportunities	No		
Policy	Yes	1.1 - 1.5	
Sustainable and Environmental	No		
Crime and Disorder	No		
Human Rights Act	No		
Elderly/People on Low Income	Yes	1.2	

**4. Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972**

None

**5. Consultations**

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