



Leicester  
City Council

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## **FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS:**

**OSMB  
Cabinet  
Full Council**

**18<sup>th</sup> November 2010  
22<sup>nd</sup> November 2010  
25<sup>th</sup> November 2010**

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## **Partnership Arrangements for providing Care Management Services for Persons with Substance Misuse Problems**

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### **Report of the Service Director – Adults and Communities**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to convey the success of partnership working as described in this report and seek Council approval for the acceptance of a delegated function, to the City Council from Leicestershire and Rutland County Councils, thus enabling it to carry out Community Care Assessment and Care Management arrangements for people with Substance Misuse problems living in those areas.

#### **2. Recommendations**

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note the success of the interim arrangements for working with people with substance misuse problems. This has been an excellent example of partnership working between the three councils in order to provide a quality service in an efficient and practical way.
- 2.2 Note and formally approve the delegation to the Council of a social care function by Leicestershire and Rutland County Councils of their community care assessment and care management arrangements for people with substance misuse problems (i) from 1st April 2009 to present and (ii) from 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010 to until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 as described in this report.
- 2.3 Authorise the Service Director Care Management Services to present the report to full council and gain approval to enter into agreements which given effect to the arrangements as detailed in this report and in paragraph 2.2 in consultation with and advice from the Director of Legal Services.

#### **3. Summary**

- 3.1. In March 2009 Cabinet approved the setting up of a revised Community Care Assessment and Care Management service for persons with substance misuse problems, which was to be hosted by Leicester City Council.
- 3.2. Cabinet also authorised the Corporate Director, Adults and Communities together with the Service Director, Legal Services, to enter into a Legal agreement with Leicestershire and Rutland County Councils in order to put the above arrangements into place.
- 3.3. The new service has been operating successfully under interim arrangements for approximately 16 months, during which time it has proven itself to be both practical and efficient.

#### **4. Report**

- 4.1. Prior to April 2009 the previous arrangements for managing community care drug and alcohol assessments and the commissioning of residential rehabilitation placements was via Leicestershire Community Projects Trust, a Voluntary Sector provider who also provided a similar service to Leicestershire and Rutland County Councils.
- 4.2. In March 2009 cabinet approved the setting up of a revised Community Care Assessment and Care Management service for persons with substance misuse problems.
- 4.3. This new service would comprise of a jointly funded single team of social workers who would work across geographical boundaries to provide a high quality and more efficient service. This team would be hosted by the City Council.
- 4.4. Since April 2009 the new team has operated from a base in the city and has proven itself to be both effective and able to make far better use of resources.
- 4.5. Given the relatively small size of the team and the highly specialised nature of this work, cross boundary joint working has proved to be both sensible and efficient.
- 4.6. Statistics for the service's first year of operation indicate improved performance in all areas and as a consequence, better outcomes for service users.
- 4.7. Whilst the operation of the team has been approved by cabinet the permanent delegation of this social care function, as detailed in the joint agreement between the councils, requires the approval of full council.

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

##### **5.1. Financial Implications – Rod Pearson**

The above recommendation for the City Council to officially accept the delegated social care function of Community Care Assessments and Care Management Services should not have any additional financial implications, as we are already providing this service, as agreed by the Cabinet on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009. However, there

may be some legal costs incurred with the drawing up of this new contract. We are awaiting a forecast of legal costs.

Total Partnership budget 2009/10 £202,900

Of which the:

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| Leicester City Council fund                  | 69% | £140,400 |
| Leicestershire County & Rutland Council fund | 21% | £ 42,500 |
| Leicestershire County PCT                    | 10% | £ 20,000 |

## 5.2. Legal Implications – Beena Adatia, Senior Solicitor

This report describes arrangements between the Council and the Leicestershire and Rutland Councils for the provision by the Council of certain social care functions. The legal power to enable such arrangements is contained in s 101 Local Government Act 1972. The Council's constitution requires that the approval of full Council is obtained in order to accept this delegation of function from Leicestershire and Rutland County Councils.

## 5.3 Climate Change Implications

This report does not contain any significant climate change implications and therefore should not have a detrimental effect on the Council's climate change targets.

**Helen Lansdown, Senior Environmental Consultant - Sustainable Procurement**

## 6. Other Implications

6.1 See report

| OTHER IMPLICATIONS            | YES/<br>NO | Paragraph/References<br>Within Supporting information |
|-------------------------------|------------|---|
| Equal Opportunities           | Yes        | Through Report  |
| Policy                        | Yes        | Whole report  |
| Sustainable and Environmental | No         |   |
| Crime and Disorder            | No         |   |
| Human Rights Act              | No         | Through Report  |
| Elderly/People on Low Income  | No         |   |
| Corporate Parenting           | No         |   |
| Health Inequalities Impact    | No         |   |

## 7. Background Papers - See report -

NHS and Community Care Act 1990  
Fair Access to Care Services 2002

Local Government Act 1972  
One Leicester – Tackling Alcohol Harm  
Cabinet Report 9<sup>th</sup> March 2009  
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## 8. Consultations

8.1. See report

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| <b>Key Decision</b>                  | No                  |
| <b>Reason</b>                        | N/A                 |
| <b>Appeared in Forward Plan</b>      | N/A                 |
| <b>Executive or Council Decision</b> | Executive (Cabinet) |