



Leicester
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: WEDNESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2004 at 5.00pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Almey - Chair
Councillor Mrs Chambers – Conservative Spokesperson
Councillor Corral – Labour Spokesperson

Councillor John Blackmore
Councillor Nurse

Councillor Karim
Councillor Tessier

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1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

Councillor Corral declared a non-prejudicial interest in that he was employed by the NHS.

Councillor John Blackmore declared a non-prejudicial interest in that he was a Non-Executive Director of Leicester City West Primary Care Trust.

6. REVENUE OUTTURN 2003/2004

The Chief Finance Officer and the Service Director (Resources) presented a report that informed Members of revenue budget outturn for the Social Care and Health Directorate for the 2003/04 financial year.

Members were informed that the budget had been brought in on track, with a very small under spend. This had involved difficult decisions and had been a considerable achievement and one that not many local authorities would have achieved.

Members noted that the Council's overall budget was significantly under spent and felt this was concerning given the financial pressures on the Social Care and Health Department budget. Members also raised concerns at the large overspend on transport for children, adults and older peoples services. It was reported to the committee that this was an historical issue and that money from the current years budget was being used to help address the problem. In

addition it was anticipated that efficiency gains from the corporate review of transport would also be of benefit.

RESOLVED:

That the committee:

- (1) Notes the final outturn for the Social Care and Health Directorate budget for the 2003/2004 financial year; and
- (2) Congratulates the department on its achievement in ensuring that the budget has been brought in within the cash limit; and
- (3) Asks that its concern that the Councils overall budget for 2003/04 was under spent be brought to the attention of the Cabinet, given the financial pressures on the Social Care and Health Department.
- (4) Asks that the committees concerns over the transport budget are brought to the Cabinets attention, given that the Departments costs are not fully funded.