



Leicester  
City Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (SOCIAL CARE STREAM)

Held: THURSDAY, 7 APRIL 2005 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Nurse - Chair  
Councillor Chambers – Conservative Spokesperson  
Councillor Almey – Liberal Democrat Spokesperson

Councillor John Blackmore                      Councillor Sood  
Councillor Tessier

Co-opted Member

Ms Sonia Bray – Voluntary Sector

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**8. SUPPORTING PEOPLE STRATEGY 2005-10 AND ANNUAL PLAN 2005-06**

The Corporate Director of Social Care and the Corporate Director of Housing submitted a report that sought comments on the 2005/2010 Supporting People Strategy and Annual Plan 2005/2006, as previously agreed by the Supporting People Commissioning Body on 11 February 2005. The report outlined how the Supporting People Strategy and Annual Plan had been drawn up and of the key issues within those documents.

The City Council had been managing the Supporting People Grant, on behalf of the Supporting People Commissioning Body, since April 2003, in partnership with the Probation Service and the two Primary Care Trusts. The grant was administered to fund housing related support services that enabled vulnerable people with support needs to maintain a home in the community.

Members were informed that the report had been written with the expectation that there would be no additional funding to pay for housing related support services over the next five years. Supporting People funding in Leicester for 2005/2006 had been reduced by 5% by the Government who were also in the process of introducing a new needs based distribution formula in the longer term. Leicester was therefore likely to see further reductions in Supporting People funding as the new formula was introduced.

Widespread participation by local stakeholders during the consultation process

on the Strategy had been encouraged and comments had been obtained at a number of events held during 2004.

Concerns were expressed by the Committee over the reductions in Supporting People funding being implemented by the Government, especially if these reductions were to be continued on a year on year basis.

RESOLVED:

- 1) that the Supporting People Strategy 2005/2010 and Annual Plan 2005/2006, be noted, and the officers commended for producing such a detailed report.
- 2) that Cabinet be asked to note the concerns of the Committee regarding the impact of any future and further cuts to Supporting People funding by the Government.