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City Council

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Extract from the 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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9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

No declarations were made.

13. ELECTRONIC SOCIAL CARE RECORDS

The Service Director (Resources), Social Care and Health, submitted a report that informed the Committee of the requirements and plans to implement Electronic Social Care Records, including identification of the benefits and the risks, and measures being taken to ameliorate those risks.

A detailed presentation was given at the Committee and the Committee were informed that the rationale behind the report was that the Department for Health and the Department for Education and Skills had jointly established policy requirements for Councils with Social Service Responsibilities to introduce Electronic Social Care Records (ESCR). The deadlines were reported as follows: -

- All information on all new clients to be Electronically Recorded
- October 2005

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- All information on all new child referrals to run using ICS
 - December 2005
- All new information on all clients to be Electronically Recorded
 - October 2006
- All new information on all child cases to be using ICS
 - December 2006.

It was reported that to comply with the above requirements the Social Care and Health Department had determined that a move towards paperless working was required, if the costs of storing information were not to increase dramatically. A number of key issues leading to the achievement of Electronic Social Care Records (ESCR) were set out in the report and Members were informed that officers were liaising closely with Information Technology suppliers on methods of ensuring the total protection of confidentiality with the electronic process. Assurances were given that plans were in place to ensure an adequate back-up system would be in place when ESCR was up and running, subject to adequate funding being available.

RESOLVED:

- 1) that the requirements to implement Electronic Social Care Records, be noted.
- 2) that the plans and approach being pursued to achieve the implementation, be endorsed.
- 3) that Cabinet be urged to ensure that sufficient funding is put in place to ensure that an adequate back-up system for the Electronic Social Care Records can be put in place.

17. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

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