

## **APPENDIX 4**

### **HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee met on Monday 21st January 2002. Messrs Parsons and Miller represented the Cabinet at the meeting to respond to questions by the Committee.

#### **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2002/03 to 2004/05**

Arising from the discussion on the Capital Programme proposals a number of members acknowledged the need to develop alternative provision to replace the Blaby Community Home, which was generally considered to be unsuitable for its purposes. It was considered that children's residential services should be provided in smaller, less institutionalised settings. Tribute was, however, paid to the hard work done by staff at the Blaby home. It was also stressed that there was a need to ensure that alternative provision was available before the Blaby Community Home was closed. The Lead Members stated that further discussions as to the options were being considered and these would be reported to the Cabinet. The proposals of the Cabinet would then be the subject of consultation with users and carers and this Scrutiny Committee would also be consulted.

#### ***Decision of the Committee***

***That the Capital Programme for 2002/3 to 2004/5 be noted and, in particular, the commitment given therein to make alternative provision for Blaby Community Home be welcomed.***