

EXTRACT FROM THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON 15 APRIL 2002.

90. Best Value Performance Plan 2002/03.

The Committee considered a joint report of the Chief Executive and the County Treasurer that sought its views on the draft Best Value Performance Plan for 2002/2003 before further consideration by the Scrutiny Commission, the Cabinet and the full County Council. A copy of the report, marked 'C' is filed with these minutes.

In the discussion that followed, reference was made to the position locally on provision of residential and care homes for elderly people. Whilst it was anticipated that the new national care standards and the minimum wage would have a significant impact on provision, there were no supply problems and 'bed-blocking' was not an issue. In considering the needs of elderly people the Council needed a balanced and varied approach, using a mixture of domiciliary care, residential care and supported, sheltered housing.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Draft Best Value Performance Plan for 2002/2003 be noted and endorsed and that the progress made against targets included in the plan and the intentions for 2002/2003 be welcomed.
- (b) That the Director of Social Services be requested to submit reports to a future meeting on:
 - (i) the services to be provided under the "Supporting People" Programme for housing related services and indication of how the success of the Programme will be measured;
 - (ii) the outcome of the officer review for reducing the time that disabled people have to wait for assessments and for major adaptations to be carried out to their homes;
 - (iii) arrangements for expanding opportunities for people to receive Direct Payments to purchase their own care services.
 - (iv) progress with implementing the recommendations of the Best Value Review of on Domiciliary Service.