

APPENDIX A

MINUTES of the meeting of the ADULT CARE BUDGET TOPIC GROUP held on Tuesday 6 April 2004

ATTENDANCE

Members of the Topic Group

K J Coleman (Chairman), E M Clarke, M O'Neill, B Lamb

Other Members

D E Lloyd

Officers

Mike Curtis, Assistant Director, Resources
Ralph Paddock, Head of Finance, Adult Care Services
David Moses, Scrutiny Support Officer
Laura Shewfelt, Committee Administrator

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

- 1.1 It was agreed that Councillor K J Coleman be appointed Chairman of the Topic Group.

2. ACS BUDGET 2004/05: BUDGET CHANGES AND THE APPLICATION OF DEMOGRAPHY AND ACCESS AND CAPACITY RESOURCES

- 2.1 At its meeting on 15 January 2004, the Adult Care and Health Scrutiny Committee received a report on the Proposed Resource Budget for 2004/05. This report identified significant extra resources and the Committee decided that it wished to examine, in detail, how the increases in budget were to be used and to consider how these increases related to the comments made by partner organisations.

The Assistant Director of Adult Care Services (Resources), presented a report which allowed the Topic Group to scrutinise detailed proposals for the allocation of these extra resources. The report also responded to the comments made by Members and partner organisations at the Committee meeting.

Ralph Paddock, Head of Finance, took the Topic Group through

the report explaining the breakdown of the Adult Care Services revenue budget and the transfer of £2m from the elderly residential and nursing home care budget to the home care budget.

The Topic Group discussed the extra resources due to inflation, the provision for demography, specific grants including the Access and Capacity Grant and the increases in activity levels that the budget increases would allow for.

2.2 Arising from the discussion the Topic Group AGREED:

- (i) That the budget had been allocated in the most effective way.
- (ii) That a report should be produced for the Adult Care and Health Scrutiny Committee later in the year, identifying progress in spending the additional resources allocated and the impact of this expenditure on performance. Mike Curtis
- (iii) That no further meetings of the Adult Care Budget Topic Group should be held unless it was thought necessary either by Members or Officers.

Laura Shewfelt
Adult Care Budget Topic Group Administrator
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