

THE EXECUTIVE

A meeting of the Executive was held on 24 April 2012 at 1:00 pm in the Mandela Room, Town Hall, Middlesbrough.

PRESENT:

Mayor, Ray Mallon (Chair), Councillors D Budd Deputy Mayor), B Coppinger, C Rooney, J Rostron, and N Walker.

****PRESENT AS OBSERVERS:**

Councillors B Brady, C Hobson, R Lowes and P Purvis

INVITEES:

Councillors J Brunton and B Kerr

****OFFICIALS:**

S Blood, A Hoy, R Long, T Parkinson, K Parkes, G Rollings, P Slocombe and K Whitmore

APOLOGIES:

Councillor M Carr and B Thompson

I Parker and M Robinson

****MINUTES**

The minutes of the Executive meeting held on 27 March 2012 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

The minutes of the Executive Sub Committee for Property held on 3 February 2012 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

****DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared

REVIEW OF CARELINK/TELECARE SERVICE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE

The Director for Adult Social Care and Environment submitted a report that sought approval to a number of changes to the Care Link Service following a period of public consultation.

The report stated that Care Link was a 24hr 365 day a year service delivered to over 3600 people, which provided a response when alarms within peoples' homes were activated. The response was provided by the Care Link contact centre, which assessed whether a physical response was required. Physical responses could include the Care Link response team, emergency services or family and friends.

The Care Link service was currently provided free to approximately 2166 people living in social rented accommodation in receipt of housing benefit. The primary beneficiaries of the Care Link service were older people.

A comprehensive consultation took place on proposed changes to the Care Link service including charges, the outcome of which was outlined in the report.

The consultation questionnaire and information sheets were attached to the report as an appendix.

ORDERED

1. **That there should be a single service charge for the Care Link service of £3.99 per week.**
2. **That telephone calls and visits are no longer provided and the service provides only monitoring and response.**
3. **That a full subsidy is provided for all people in receipt of pension credit – guarantee credit.**
4. **That transitional funding be provided for two years for current claimants receiving Care Link free of charge due to their housing situation.**
5. **That where Telecare is provided as part of a Social Care package of support the charge will be determined by the Council's Fairer Charging process.**
6. **That there be a service option introduced to purchase a keysafe at a one off charge.**
7. **That the keyholding charge be £30.00 per annum with the option to spread payments.**

REASON

The decision was supported by the following reason:

1. **The proposals provide a simple, fair and equitable charging structure for Care Link and Telecare enabling planning for future business growth and development.**

NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES & LEARNING

The Director of Children, Families and Learning submitted a report that sought approval to combine the functions of the Corporate Parenting Board (CPB) and the Multi Agency Looked After Partnership (MALAP) to create a partnership which improved the lives of children who were looked after and improved their long-term outcomes by working closely with partners from key agencies and Middlesbrough Councillors. The new arrangements would also provide a direct interface between Councillors and operational managers from a range of organisations.

The report stated that the Corporate Parenting Board was created in February 2000 in response to the previous Government's initiative 'Quality Protects' in 1998. The Multi Agency Looked After Partnership was formally constituted in 2001, when it replaced the Children Looked After Group (CLAG).

The MALAP has undertaken parallel activities, addressing practical issues relating to the care and management of Looked After Children.

The Executive Member for Children, Families and Learning and the Chief Executive had agreed that the CPB and the MALAP should take on a more proactive role and following recent discussions, it was agreed that a new model of involvement of both Councillors and officers should be considered. A new model would also include senior officers from organisations outside the Council; it would also include stronger links with the CICC, Middlesbrough Safeguarding Children Board (MSCB), Health and Wellbeing Board and the Children and Young People's Trust.

The CPB / MALAP will agree an annual work programme, which will be determined by the members of the group and informed by the Children in Care Council. Issues that may be discussed include:

- Educational Achievement of Children Looked After

- Children Missing from Home
- Employment and Training Opportunities for Care Leavers
- Suitable Accommodation for Care Leavers
- A Strategy for Residential Care within Middlesbrough
- Managing Risk

ORDERED

1. **That the Executive accept and endorse the proposal to merge the Corporate Parenting Board and the Multi Agency Looked After Partnership**
2. **That the Executive accept the proposed terms of reference for the new Corporate Parenting Board / Multi Agency Looked After Partnership**
3. **That the Executive request that the Children in Care Council (CICC) provide a name for the new arrangements, which will replace the Corporate Parenting Board / Multi Agency Looked After Partnership.**

REASON

The decisions were supported by the following reason:

The decision is necessary to build on the existing Corporate Parenting Board arrangements and improve the outcomes for Looked After Children.

COUNCIL, OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD – MATTERS FOR RECONSIDERATION

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL - UPDATE REPORT: ENERGY REDUCTION

EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR STREETSCENE SERVICES AND TRANSPORT – COUNCILLOR NICOLA WALKER

The Director of Environment and Adult Social Care submitted a report that considered an update report from the Environment Scrutiny Panel on its investigation into energy reduction.

The Environment Scrutiny Panel as part of the agreed scrutiny procedures had its update report on Energy Reduction approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

The Environment Scrutiny Panel following on from their 2010 investigation of the topic of energy reduction conducted a small review following on from an update received in January 2012. The Panel were pleased to hear of the progress being in relation to energy reduction.

Following on from the update received the Panel did however make a further two recommendations, including, as detailed below:

1. That the updated position, and the wide range of schemes and initiatives being implemented to both monitor energy usage and to reduce it, be noted.
2. That the issue of providing advice to schools on energy reduction is taken forward and highlighted - for example by Councillors who are school governors raising the issue with their schools and a joint letter from the Chair of the Scrutiny Panel and the Executive Member for Streetscene Services and Transport being sent to all head teachers.

Councillor Bob Kerr, Chair of Environment Scrutiny Panel, presented the panel's update report to the Executive.

ORDERED

1. **That the service response be approved.**

REASON

The decision was supported by the following reason:

1. **The Executive needed to take a decision on the Scrutiny Panel's recommendations in light of the service response and consideration of this matter by the Corporate Management Team.**

**CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS FROM THE
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD****ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL - FINAL REPORT: PAVEMENT AND
CARRIAGEWAY WORKS BY UTILITIES COMPANIES****EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR STREETSCENE SERVICES AND TRANSPORT – COUNCILLOR
NICOLA WALKER**

The Director of Environment and Adult Social Care submitted a report that considered the final report of the Environment Scrutiny Panel regarding Pavement and Carriageway Works by Utilities Companies.

The Environment Scrutiny Panel as part of the agreed scrutiny procedures had its final report on Pavement and Carriageway Works by Utilities Companies approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

Following on from their findings, the Panel made a number of recommendations as follows:

- That the Executive notes that the Environment Scrutiny Panel is pleased to find that the Council's system for the notification, undertaking, co-ordination and inspection of road works by the utilities companies is comprehensive and ensures that disruption is kept to a minimum.
- That, subject to an analysis of potential benefits, consideration is given to the introduction of a permit scheme to undertake such works. If introduced, this should include an appropriate charging system to cover administration costs.

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