

Cabinet – Supplementary agenda No. 3

A meeting of the Cabinet will be held on:

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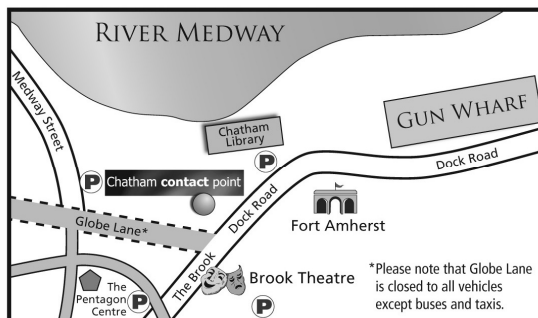
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LICESNING ACT 2003 – REVIEW OF COUNCIL STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY ADDENDUM REPORT

Portfolio Holders: Councillor Janice Bamber, Customer First and Corporate Services
Councillor Mike O'Brien, Community Safety and Enforcement

Report from: Deborah Upton, Assistant Director (Housing & Corporate Services)

Author: Alison Poulson, Business Development and Licensing Manager
Caroline Salisbury, Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordinator

Summary

To report on the discussion at the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 15 December 2010 on the review of council statement of licensing policy.

1. Background

- 1.1 Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 15 December 2010 to consider the review of the Statement of Licensing Policy.
- 1.2 The Assistant Director of Housing and Corporate Services introduced the report advising that the Statement of Licensing Policy had to be renewed every three years and as it was a policy framework document would be considered at Cabinet on 21 December and Full Council on 13 January 2011.
- 1.3 Members were informed that two representations had been received to the consultation process and only one of which had raised objections.
- 1.4 The committee was also advised that the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill had been published on 14 December which could mean that the Statement of Licensing Policy would have to be revised again to take into account any new requirements within the legislation.

1.5 Members commented that the points made in the representations were reasonable and asked whether the definition of “public nuisance” was sufficient to address their concerns? The Assistant Director of Housing and Corporate Services advised that she considered the policy covered this definition sufficiently.

2. Recommendation

2.1 The Cabinet is asked to recommend the proposed changes to the Licensing Policy, as set out in paragraphs 5.1.1 – 5.1.5 of the report, to Council for approval as part of the Council’s policy framework.

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Background papers

“Licensing Act 2003 – Review of Council Statement of Licensing Policy” Report to the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee 15 December 2010.

See main report.



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ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT –
ADULT SOCIAL CARE – ADDENDUM REPORT

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Tom Mason, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care

Report from: Rose Collinson, Director of Children and Adults

Author: Rosie Gunstone, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator

Summary

To report on the discussion at the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 16 December 2010 in relation to the Annual Performance Assessment – Adult Social Care.

1. Background

- 1.1. The Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 16 December 2010 to consider the Annual Performance Assessment – Adult Social Care.
- 1.2. The Director of Children and Adults introduced the report and stated that the Care Quality Commission, having conducted an annual review of performance and categorised the Council as 'Performing Well'. The overall grade remained the same as last year but reflected an improvement for Outcome 7, Maintaining Personal Dignity and Respect, from 'adequate' to 'performing well'.
- 1.3. She stated that she was pleased with the improvements in safeguarding but there was no room for complacency and for the residents of Medway they would be looking for a seamless service across health and social care. The Committee were informed that the judgement followed a self-assessment by the Council and she emphasised the importance of having integrity and robustness in self-assessment. She also emphasised the importance of listening to the voice, views and needs of carers.

1.4. The Assistant Director, Adult Social Care and the Director of Children and Adults responded to Members' questions. Members complimented the Directorate in achieving the 'performing well' judgement and the following responses were received to questions raised:

- This would be the last annual performance assessment and although the Care Quality Commission would still regulate local authorities, health and care homes, the regulations were changing. In future if a Council wished to assess itself as providing an excellent service there would be a process whereby, on payment of a fee, the Council could put itself forward but only 5% across the country would achieve that status. On this basis the Assistant Director, Adult Social Care, felt it was more important to continue performing well;
- The 'additional resources' referred to in paragraph 4.2 of the report referred to the social care reform grant and the government had stated that local authorities could carry over to next year any under-spend on the basis of it being used for its intended purpose;
- It was accepted that more needed to be done with regard to the high proportion of people with learning disabilities in long term residential care to promote their independence;
- Increased emphasis was being placed on communicating with carers to ensure that residents of Medway were aware of what services were available;
- In spite of the present financial position for the authority it was stated that every effort was made to ensure that no-one was excluded when applying for work and that Medway Council had a responsibility to lead the way in employing people with a learning disability.

1.5. The Committee then congratulated officers for the judgement and noted the report.

2. Recommendation

2.1 Cabinet is asked to consider the comments from the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES ASSESSMENT 2010 – ADDENDUM REPORT

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Les Wicks, Children's Services

Report from: Rose Collinson, Director of Children and Adults

Author: Sally Morris, Assistant Director. Commissioning and Strategy
Teri Reynolds, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator

Summary

To report on the discussion at the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 14 December 2010 on the Children's Services Assessment 2010.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 14 December 2010 to consider the Children's Services Assessment for 2010.
- 1.2 The Assistant Director, Commissioning and Strategy explained to the committee that the judgement for Medway by Ofsted, which was 'performing well', was an improvement on the previous year, where the service was judged as adequate. She highlighted the areas where Ofsted indicated good performance or where progress had been made. She also indicated those areas requiring improvement, as outlined in the report, and explained that actions plans would be developed to address those areas.
- 1.3 Members thanked the Director and staff for achieving the improved Ofsted judgement and raised concerns about future provision of sure start centres, childminding, performance in English and mathematics and sports provision.
- 1.4 In response, the Director stated that nursery and early years provision had demonstrated a positive impact on children's abilities and life chances and Medway had incorporated all but one of its sure start children's centres in schools to enable them to be more sustainable. In relation to child minding, strategically the council focussed efforts on groups who care for a number of children, however, did offer support for child minders, although take up was often low. In relation to performance, governing bodies needed to be clear of their role and teachers needed to grasp how a subject is progressed through

a student's education. The Council did provide training support for teachers but was likely to move to a position of commissioning or signposting to courses. In relation to sport the Director referred to the Schools Sports Partnerships, which were based at Greenacre and the Howard schools. Funding for these partnerships was currently uncertain but if no central funding was provided for these then Medway schools may consider commissioning some of the services the partnerships provide.

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Background Papers:

"Children's Services Assessment 2010" Report to the Children and Young People
Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 14 December 2010