

HEALTH AND WELL BEING O & S COMMITTEE – 19 JANUARY 2012

MINUTE 44. CORPORATE PLAN 2012/13

In accordance with Council minutes 77 and 78 (12 December, 2011), the Committee considered those parts of the Corporate Plan within its remit. The Committee had also had sight of a motion which had been referred to all Overview and Scrutiny Committees by the Council at its meeting on 12 December, 2011 (minute 76 refers) and which was considered in connection with the Corporate Plan.

The Draft Corporate Plan and report of the Chief Executive which had been considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 8 December were considered by the Committee and the Chair invited comments from the Committee.

Responding to comments from Members the Director of Adult Social Services stated that more detail would be provided in a Departmental Plan which would include targets and indicators along with the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. The Corporate Plan's aim was to provide a holistic picture of how the Council would meet the needs of its residents in a strategic manner. With regard to criticism of poor quality reports, the Director assured the Committee that this would be addressed and there would be adequate opportunity for the Committee to drill down into issues at whatever level of detail was required.

A Member suggested that if the Plan provided too much detail it would become unwieldy and would be less likely to engage the public.

Members made the following suggestions for inclusion in the Corporate Plan:

- In the goal, 'Enhance the quality of life of the people of Wirral who have care and support needs', the sentence, 'Providing integrated, high quality services.....' should state how this would be measured and therefore how it could be scrutinised.
- Need to mention work carried out with Carers' Associations.
- In the goal on 'safeguarding' there was no mention of the AKA Report, this could be incorporated as an addendum with the actions arising from it.
- There was a need to see where the Department was currently and how it was going to move on.
- There was a need to refer to the Alcohol Scrutiny Review as a reduction in alcohol harm needed to be a target.
- There was a need to refer to the duties that the Council would have under Public Health.
- There was no mention of:
 - Affordability of social care
 - An increasing elderly population
 - Personal Budgets
 - Empowerment
 - Continuing public consultation
- One reference to regaining independence but no reference to retaining independence.

Resolved – That the comments of the Committee be referred to the Cabinet.