

## HOUSING & SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY PANEL

Minutes of the meeting of the Housing & Social Care Scrutiny Panel held on Thursday, 24 March 2016 at 9.00 am at the Civic Offices, Portsmouth

### Present

Councillor Darren Sanders (in the Chair)

Councillors Ryan Brent  
Margaret Foster  
Sandra Stockdale

#### **36. Apologies for absence (AI 1)**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gemma New.

#### **37. Declaration of Members' Interests (AI 2)**

There were no declarations of interest (although some members were invited to PATCH meetings as ward councillors this was not seen to be a direct interest).

#### **38. Minutes of the previous meeting - 25 September 2015 (AI 3)**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Housing and Social Care Scrutiny Panel held on 25 September 2015 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair.**

#### **39. Review into support services for young people aged 16-25 living in isolation (AI 4)**

Members of the panel had received a draft copy of the report in advance of the meeting which reflected the evidence given at the formal meetings and the discussions by the panel members at informal meetings to formulate the recommendations which reflected the move towards preventative work. There had also been discussions by the Chair with the Directors of Housing and Adult Social Care. The final report now incorporated the legal and financial comments.

Councillor Sanders as chair introduced the report, and ran through the recommendations, and the following minor amendments were suggested by the panel members when running through the budget and policy implications table on pages 22-23:

- Recommendation 3 - take out "the" to read "to work with private sector landlords..."
- Recommendation 6 made specific reference to life skills - which would be cross-referenced on page 8 recommendations

- Recommendation 7 - wording was amended to remove the word 'hub' and instead read "...to explore the feasibility of allowing access to support service and advice under one roof, ideally using existing facilities..."
- Recommendation 8 to have a footnote to explain 'respite care'

Councillor Sanders thanked the panel and everyone who had been part of the review, as witnesses and in the compilation of the report and the panel members felt that the report highlighted the importance of tackling the issue of isolation suffered by young people in the city.

**RESOLVED that the panel officially sign-off their report (as amended) for submission to the next available Cabinet meeting.**

The meeting concluded at 9.25 am.

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Councillor Darren Sanders  
Chair