

COMMUNICATION AND MORALE

Report By: Director of Social Care and Strategic Housing

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

1. To consider the work of the Sub-Group to investigate communication and morale issues.

Financial Implications

2. None identified at this stage. Work is to be carried out from within existing resources.

Background

3. In considering its work programme in October 2003 this Committee agreed to establish a number of Sub-Groups. It was envisaged that one of these would focus on communication and morale issues and Councillors Brigadier P.Jones CBE and J.B. Williams were appointed to it.
4. No specific remit was given to the Sub-Group at that stage. A number of communication related issues were, however, raised during the recent work on the consultation exercise on the provision of Ear, Nose and Throat Services. This has re-emphasised the need to consider this area of work.
5. It is therefore suggested that it would now be appropriate to identify areas which the Sub-Group might usefully explore on the Committee's behalf. Given the complexity of the organisations involved it is inevitable that there will be a wide-range of potential issues for consideration. It is therefore proposed that following a series of discussions with the organisations involved priorities be identified and a work programme formulated.
6. It is also proposed that the Membership of the Sub-Group should be increased by the addition of Councillor Mrs W.U. Attfield and the co-option of Mr C.G. Grover a former Councillor and representative on the Community Health Council.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT (a) the Director of Social Care and Strategic housing following consultation with the Chairman and Members of the Communication and Morale Sub-Group be authorised to formulate a work programme for the Sub-Group;

and

- (b) Councillor Mrs W.U. Attfield be appointed a Member of the Sub-Group and Mr C.G. Grover be co-opted onto the Group.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None