

MINUTES of the meeting of Regulatory Committee held at The Council Chamber, Brockington, 35 Hafod Road, Hereford on Tuesday 8 May 2012 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor JW Hope MBE (Chairman)
Councillor RC Hunt (Vice Chairman)

Councillors: CM Bartrum, C Nicholls and FM Norman

In attendance: Councillors PM Morgan

32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors BA Durkin, Brig P Jones MBE, PJ McCaull, FM Norman and G Powell.

33. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)

There were no named substitutes present at the meeting.

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

35. DISCHARGE OF GUARDIANSHIP UNDER THE MENTAL HEALTH ACT 1983

A report was presented by the Principal Lawyer about the Council's function in relation to the Discharge of Guardianship under the Mental Health Act 1983. He explained the powers and duties of the Council as a Local Social Services Authority (LSSA); and the requirements of the Statutory Code of Practice relating to the Act. He outlined what was involved regarding the discharge a patient from Guardianship and the steps that should be taken to review or renew the arrangements that were in place.

At present there were no formal arrangements in place to enable the Council to carry out its duties in this regard. A committee or Sub Committee was required to oversee matters under the provisions of the legislation and the proposal was for the Regulatory Committee to fulfil this role under its miscellaneous functions. It was noted that Sarah Cox, Mental Health Lead, People's Services commissioning would provide the Committee with further information about the new arrangements in due course. The Committee decided that the arrangements for dealing with guardianship should be delegated to the Regulatory Sub-Committee.

RESOLVED THAT

The Committee notes that it will carry out the Council's functions in relation to Discharge of Guardianship under the Mental Health Act 1983 and delegates this function to the Regulatory Sub Committee.

36. REPORT ON ACTIVITY OF COMMUNITY PROTECTION TEAM

The Committee Manager presented an information report about the main activities of the Community Protection Team during the past year.

RESOLVED THAT

The report of the community Protection Team be received and noted and that the team be thanked for the important enforcement work they were undertaking.

37. REPORT ON REGULATORY ACTIVITY BY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & TRADING STANDARDS, HEALTH & WELLBEING SERVICE

The Acting Head of Environmental Protection and Licensing presented a report about the main regulatory activities of Environmental Health & Trading Standards service during the past year.

The Committee expressed their appreciation for the work which was undertaken by the Department.

RESOLVED THAT

The report be received and noted and that the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Team be thanked for the important work they were undertaking.

The meeting ended at 3.10 pm

CHAIRMAN