



EXECUTIVE

5.30 p.m. – 7.35 p.m.

18 November 2009

Present: Councillors Morphew (Chair), Morrey (Vice-Chair), Arthur, Blakeway, Bremner, Brociek-Coulton, Sands and Waters

Also present: Councillors Jeraj and Lubbock

1. NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL'S PROPOSED DECISION TO DE-COMMISSION THE DAY CENTRE SERVICES CURRENTLY PROVIDED AT THE ESSEX ROOMS AND THE SILVER ROOMS DAY CENTRE

Councillor Arthur, Executive Member for Housing and Adult Services introduced the report and said the Silver Room and Essex Rooms provided excellent service to vulnerable people and gave them a place to come together and support one another and feel valued. Although the Norfolk County Council report suggested that people affected could be re-located to an alternative third sector provision, some were already full to capacity and were not as accessible and would require people being transported away from their local community. People were fearful of change and some were mildly confused. The Independent Commission for Older People found isolation was one of the main concerns of people living independently.

During discussion the Chair said there was cross party support to save these institutions. Members noted that the consultation period had been extended to 8 March 2010.

Councillor Brociek-Coulton informed members of public a meeting being held at the Vauxhall Centre at 7.00 p.m. on 8 December 2009. There would be an opportunity to sign a petition in support of the centres in Gentleman's Walk from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday 21 November 2009.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note the report and agree to further research on the county council's proposals with the findings being reported to the full council meeting on 24 November 2009 and Executive on 25 November 2009;
- (2) submit a considered response to the county council's proposals by the end of the consultation period (13 January 2010).

2. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of Item 3 below on the grounds contained in the paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

***3. EVALUATION OF TENDERS FOR SERVICES CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY CITYCARE (PARAGRAPH 3)**

The Head of Procurement and Service Improvement circulated tender evaluation papers. He presented the report and together with the Facilities and Building Manager and the Housing Property Manager, answered questions.

Detailed discussions ensued as to the way the individual contracts had been assessed and awarded and the implementation process.

The Executive thanked officers, the consultants Tribal Government Services, the Contracts Working Party for the enormous amount of work undertaken and the Norwich Leaseholders Association and the Norwich Tenants' CityWide Board for their involvement.

RESOLVED to -

- (1) note the process and results of the tender evaluation;
- (2) approve the intention to award the contracts as set out in the report.

CHAIR