

**EXEMPT MINUTES – NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

**CABINET**

**18 NOVEMBER 2003**

722. **EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL SERVICES PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE HELD 28 OCTOBER 2003**

(Report CAB752 refers)

Cabinet considered the Finance Department Performance Monitoring to September 2003 (exempt appendix) – Report CEN26 refers.\*\*\*

The Director of Finance reported that further to the meeting of the Performance Improvement Committee held on 28 October 2003, together with the Chief Executive she had met with the Chief Executive and Chairman of Trustees of the Winchester Alliance for Mental Health. The seriousness of the situation of the debt owed to the City Council was pressed on the parties concerned. The Winchester Alliance for Mental Health were now putting into practice improvements to their strategic overview of financial matters including monitoring the situation. They had formed a Finance Committee and provided additional financial support to help control the financial situation. However, since reported to the Performance Improvement Committee, the Alliance had revised its cash flow and the situation was now worse than expected, leading them to believe that it would be a further six months until the debt was cleared. The Director of Finance had indicated that this would not be acceptable and they were now endeavouring to meet their financial obligations.

In answer to Members' questions, the Director of Finance stated that there was a realistic prospect that the debt would be met, but within the cash flow expenditure had not been reduced to match reduced revenue.

An update report would be provided to the next Central Services Performance Improvement Committee.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and in the report.

RESOLVED:

That the current situation with regard to the debt owed to the Council by the Winchester Alliance for Mental Health be noted.

Chairman

\*\*\*(Note: this should have referred to CEN33, the paper before the meeting).