

**EXEMPT MINUTES – NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

**CABINET**

**11 February 2004**

1096. **EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL SERVICES PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE HELD 27 JANUARY 2004**  
(Report CAB803 refers)

The Director of Finance submitted to Cabinet an addendum to the report on the item relating to Sundry Debtors – Additional Information Update to Report CEN46 regarding Winchester Alliance for Mental Health.

In summary, she reported that following the Central Services Performance Improvement Committee meeting, she had written to and subsequently met with the Chairman of the Trustees, Councillor Ann Craig, along with the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Jim Murray from Fareham.

The Winchester Alliance for Mental Health had forwarded a sum of £50,000 to cover the next payroll run (February's) and had submitted a revised cash flow statement. Unfortunately, this showed the position to be worse than that reported to Members previously. The expected income had reduced considerably whilst expenditure remained the same. The figures had only just been received and further discussion with the Trustees would take place.

She also submitted to Cabinet a copy of recent correspondence setting out the steps that the Winchester Alliance of Mental Health would take to try and resolve the difficulties and also a summary of the organisation's principal activities in the form of its Annual Report and Accounts for 2003/04.

She concluded that the March payroll was in doubt and that further information had been received in that the Alliance had appointed an accountant to give them further financial advice.

In response to Members' questions, the Director of Finance stated that sources of income available to the Alliance were the Charities Bank and its overdraft facilities, where a loan could be obtained to help it over its debt.

In conclusion, Cabinet supported the approach taken by the Performance Improvement Committee and also requested that the Council's new Funding Officer be put in touch with the Alliance to see if any assistance could be provided.

RESOLVED:

That Minute 1003 (Report CEN46, Finance Department Performance Monitoring – Exempt Appendix) be approved and adopted.

Chairman