

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

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| Work Programme Reference | |
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1. **TITLE:** Executive Response to the Adult Social Care and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Panel Working Group on the Review of the Council's Role in Regulated Adult Social Care Services

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Adult Social Care, Health & Housing

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

For the Executive to respond to the recommendations raised by the Adult Social Care and Housing Overview & Scrutiny Panel Working Group in its report on looking at the Council's Role in Regulated Adult Social Care Services.

4 **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

That the following recommendations of the Working Group on "A Review of the Council's role in Regulated Adult Social Care Services":

i. Are accepted

Recommendation 6.3 Checks be made to ensure that local care providers adopt and implement a missing person's procedure which includes up to date contact details and reflects the outcome of the Thames Valley Police's review of missing persons' guidance on the procedure to be followed in the event of the unexpected absence of a person receiving care in order to safeguard vulnerable adults.

Recommendation 6.4 Validation Guidelines be expanded to include a section explaining how benchmarks are identified and giving information regarding the service aspects that the Council measures performance against.

ii. That the following recommendation is partially accepted

Recommendation 6.2 The Quality Assurance Framework be expanded to include collection of the views of people who self-fund their care.

iii. That the following recommendation is not accepted:

Recommendation 6.1 The plan for the emergency evacuation of care / nursing home premises that is practiced regularly be reconsidered with a view to introducing a more practical emergency response procedure reflecting residents' disabilities and conditions as far as possible within safety requirements.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The Overview and Scrutiny Working Group has spent considerable time on the review of a

very complex subject, which involves a range of agencies. The complexities have resulted in some level of misunderstanding of the range of legislation, and of the responsibilities of the various regulatory bodies involved in services, and therefore in the powers available to the Council to implement the some of the recommendations.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not applicable.

9. PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED: Not applicable

10. DOCUMENT CONSIDERED: Report of the Director of Adult Social Care, Health & Housing

11. DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None

| Date Decision Made | Final Day of Call-in Period |
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| 16 December 2014 | 23 December 2014 |