

**TO: ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
12 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**MERGING OF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HOUSING AND THE HEALTH OVERVIEW &
SCRUTINY PANELS**

Director of Adult Social Care, Health & Housing

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To invite Members of this Panel to join a new Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Working Group which has been established by the Health O&S Panel to consider the principle and logistics of fully or partially merging the two Panels in the interests of streamlining O&S work and avoiding duplication as the remit of the Panels grows closer.

2 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 **That Members of the Panel consider whether they would like to join the new Working Group to contribute to the discussion around the possible merging of the Adult Social Care & Housing and the Health O&S Panels.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 To give Panel Members an opportunity to join the Working Group that will consider the possibility of merging the two O&S Panels.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 Continuing with the present structure of separate O&S Panels to review Health and Adult Social Care resulting in continuing and increasing overlaps in Panel work.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 At the meeting of the Health O&S Panel held on 29 June 2017, the Director of Adult Social Care, Health & Housing reported that having been with the local authority for 18 months and experienced the work of both the Adult Social Care & Housing and the Health O&S Panels, she could see that Adult Social Care needed to be considered within the context of health and that there needed to be a one system approach. Accordingly, the Panel agreed that a working group be set up to consider how the merging of the two O&S Panels might be taken forward. Councillors Finnie, Mrs McCracken, Peacey and Virgo agreed to be members of this Working Group. It is envisaged that Councillors Leake and Harrison, as the Chairmen of the O&S Commission and of the Adult Social Care & Housing O&S Panel, respectively, will also wish to become involved in the Working Group. In order to give the Adult Social Care & Housing O&S Panel fair representation on the Working Group, Members are invited to join it if they wish.
- 5.2 Integrated health and care services are very much both the national policy direction, and have been for many years, and the direction agreed locally within the Frimley Health and Care Sustainability and Transformation Partnership, the Bracknell and

Ascot Clinical Commissioning Group's New Vision of Care and within the Council's own Adult Social Care, Health and Housing Transformation Programme. The Director is not aware of any other local authority that has two separate O&S panels for Adult Social Care and Health.

**6 **ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS / EQUALITIES
IMPACT ASSESSMENT / STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES /
CONSULTATION****

6.1 Not applicable.

Background Papers

None.

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