

**TO: ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL
17 JUNE 2014**

**WORKING GROUP UPDATE REPORT
Working Group Lead Member**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report sets out the progress achieved to date by the Working Group of the Panel reviewing the Council's role in regulated Adult Social Care services and invites the Panel to select a topic and establish a working group for its next review.

2 RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Panel:

- 2.1 notes the progress achieved to date by its Working Group reviewing the Council's role in regulated Adult Social Care services; and**

- 2.2 selects a topic and establishes a working group for a future review on completion of the current review of regulated Adult Social Care services.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 To keep the Panel up to date regarding the activities of its Working Group reviewing the Council's role in regulated Adult Social Care services and to agree arrangements in respect of its next review.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The Council's Role in Regulated Adult Social Care Services

- 5.1 A Working Group of the Panel, comprising Councillors Harrison (Lead Member), Mrs McCracken, Mrs Temperton and Thompson, was established to review the Council's role with regard to care governance and managing safeguarding in regulated Adult Social Care services. Regulated services are those which are registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC), which is the regulatory body, and are mostly those provided at residential care homes, nursing homes or domiciliary care.

- 5.2 The Working Group has met on three occasions to date. It received an introductory briefing and considered the scope of the review at its first meeting. The scope was agreed at the second meeting when the Working Group considered and discussed a selection of CQC inspection reports of the best and worst performing services for evaluation and comparison purposes, explored the inspection criteria utilised by the CQC, and considered examples of spot contracts and individual purchase orders relating to regulated Adult Social Care services. The third meeting featured

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consideration of the support offered to those care providers that need to improve, the Council's developing Quality Assurance Framework and the outcomes of the most recent Carers' Survey.

- 5.3 The Working Group's review work is now drawing to a conclusion and it will shortly be preparing a report of its work and findings for submission to the next Panel meeting.

Future Review Topic and Working Group

- 5.4 The Panel's 2014-15 Work Programme is attached at Appendix 1 to facilitate selection of the next review topic and working group membership.

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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OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2014/15

The work programme for Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) in 2014/15 is shown on the following pages. The programme is aimed at maintaining a strategic and co-ordinated work programme based on major areas of Council and partner organisations' activity. The review topics take account of what is likely to be timely, relevant, and to add value. The programme incorporates the routine, on-going work of O&S and the completion of reviews currently underway.

The work programme will necessarily be subject to continual refinement and updating. The 'future possible reviews' are those which are unlikely to be resourced until 2015/16 or later.

| ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL | |
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| 1. | <p>Monitoring the performance of the Adult Social Care, Health and Housing Department</p> <p>To include on-going review of the Quarterly Service Reports, receiving statutory plans and reports (such as the annual reports on complaints received), monitoring the action taken by the Executive to earlier reports by the Panel, and being briefed on the implications of new legislation, including the Government's Care Bill.</p> |
| 2. | <p>Exercising pre-decision scrutiny by reference to the Executive Forward Plan</p> <p>To selectively contribute to the formulation of new policies in advance of their consideration by the Executive.</p> |
| 3. | <p>2015/16 Budget Scrutiny</p> <p>To review the Council's Adult Social Care and Housing budget proposals for 2015/16, and plans for future years.</p> |

| FUTURE POSSIBLE REVIEWS (Unlikely to be resourced until 2015/16 or later) | |
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| <u>Adult Social Care and Housing</u> | |
| 1. | <p>Implications of the Government's Care Bill</p> <p>To review the impact of the legislative changes under the forthcoming Care Act, particularly with regard to greater integration of Council and NHS services.</p> |

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| 2. | <p>Housing Benefits</p> <p>To review the implementation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Government's Housing Benefit reforms; and• The re-design of the Council's housing and benefits services. |
| 3. | <p>Housing Supply</p> <p>To review the response by the Council and its partners to increasing pressure in the housing market, particularly in regard to assisting home ownership, and the provision of affordable housing.</p> |
| 4. | <p>Homelessness</p> <p>To review the Council's arrangements and performance in relation to dealing with homelessness. To include arrangements for adults with learning disabilities, also itinerant and temporary informal lodgers.</p> |