

# Item 4

Time commenced – 6.00 pm

Time finished – 7.00 pm

## ADULTS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY REVIEW BOARD

**19 June 2018**

Present: Councillor J Khan (Chair)  
Councillors Evans, Froggatt, McCristal, A Pegg, Raju, Repton and  
Wood  
Cllr Webb

### 01/18 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received

### 02/18 Late Items

None

### 03/18 Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Khan declared that he works within the voluntary sector (item 6), but receives no funding from it.

Cllr A Pegg declared that he was a carer for his mother (item 5)

Cllr Raju (item 5) declared that his employer had an interest in this area and that Cllr Raju works within then Voluntary sector (item 6).

Cllr Wood declared an interest in item 5.

### 04/18 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes from the meeting of 17 April 2018 were agreed as a correct record. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

### 05/18 Update on the Future of Carers Service

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People's Services providing an update on the future of Carers Services. Kirsty McMillan, Service Director – Integration and Director Services attended the meeting to present the report and answer any questions the Board had.

KM informed the Board that two new services were being commissioned and changes were being made to the way carers' assessments will be undertaken as a result of the recent consultation with carers.

The consultation revealed that the assessment process for carers was taking too long to finalise and carers were finding the process very confusing and repetitive. Therefore the decision to bring this back in-house from 1 September 2018 had been taken and considerable preparation work has already been undertaken.

Consultation had also revealed that carers wanted a single point of contact on service providers and this was now out to tender. The current contracts with the present service providers ended in August, but have been extended by 3 months to ensure a smooth transition period. Full timescales were set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

The Board acknowledged that carers were invaluable and every effort should be made to support them.

**The Board resolved to:**

- 1. Note the contents of the report**
- 2. Receive a further update at the February meeting**

## **06/18      Engagement with the Community and Voluntary Sector (CVS)**

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of People's Services providing an update on what is happening concerning working with the Community and Voluntary Sector (CVS). Kirsty McMillan, Service Director – Integration and Director Services attended the meeting to present the report and answer any questions the Board had.

Kirsty informed the Board that a new head of service had been appointed who was very pro-active in engaging with carers, community and voluntary sector.

Discussion was held on the development of a marketplace microsite through the council website and how the council may endorse external service providers who give a good service. The Board felt it would be useful to have sight of a list of service providers that the council use and what services they provide. KM confirmed the role of local area co-ordinators would be looked at later in the year.

Discussion was held on funding work within the voluntary sector and financial support for charities.

**The Board resolved to:**

- 1. Note the contents of the report**
- 2. Receive a detailed service specification from KM, focusing on practical aspects of service providers**

- 3. Look at being able to give letters of endorsement, or recommendations, to organisations the council has worked with.**
- 4. Look at the possibility of being able to authorise small grants to support work within the voluntary sector.**

## **07/18      Work Programme and Topic Review**

The Board received a report of the Chief Executive. The Board were asked to discuss and agree the future work programme and topic review for the forthcoming municipal year. The Members discussed several topics and agreed the agendas for the next municipal year.

### **Resolved to:**

- 1. Note the presentation**
- 2. Agree the draft work programme**

**MINUTES END**