



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION 30 October 2006

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

Review of Home Care Services and Charges

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Commission is asked to consider the evidence and make recommendations on the scale, type and financing of home care provision that is appropriate for Derby in accordance with the wishes of the full Council.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 At the 19 July 2006 meeting of the Full Council members passed a motion requesting the Adult Services and Health Commission to undertake a review on Home Care charges and make recommendations about the scale and type of service provision and financing of such provision that is appropriate for Derby.
- 2.2 The Commission met for the first time on 11 September following the Full Council meeting and agreed to conduct the review and formulated a work plan that involved making use of the information already gained through the BVR exercise as well as seeking input from a range of witnesses in carrying out the review.
- 2.3 Evidence to the review was received from the Cabinet Member for Adult Services, Director of Resources and Housing, Representatives of Disabled People's Advisory Forum, Derby Seniors Forum, Disability Direct, Southern Derbyshire Pensioners Association and Supported Housing Offering Unity and Trust (SHOUT) as well as senior officers from the Council's Adult Social Services including the Senior Assistant Director, Adult Social Services. The Commission also considered comments from service users who responded to an article in the Derby Evening Telegraph and population profile published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) as well as written evidence on comparator authorities. The Commission had also invited representatives from independent care providers to give evidence but unfortunately none attended the evidence gathering meeting.

- 2.4 Members are asked to consider the evidence and make recommendation in the scale, type and financing of homecare provision that is appropriate for Derby as requested by the Full Council.

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Background papers:	BVR of Home Care Services for Older People
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Appendix 1

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None arising from this report.

Legal

2. None arising from this report.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people.

Corporate Priorities

5. This report links with Council's priority for 2006-09 to build healthy and independent communities, by:
 - improving the standard of social care for vulnerable adults and older people