

Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care)

Date: 28 February 2014

Subject: Review of Homecare Services in Leeds

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: 10.4.3	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. At its previous meeting in December 2013, the Executive Board Member (Adult Social Care) highlighted that work was currently underway around the 'Future of Homecare' and requested the Scrutiny Board's involvement in order to help co-produce a solution. It was also highlighted at that meeting a cross-party Members Advisory Board had been established.
2. Members of the Scrutiny Board welcomed the invitation and opportunity to be involved in considering the Future of Homecare across the City and at its meeting in January 2014, the Board agreed to request a report on the proposals to help scope any future work of the Scrutiny Board – including timescales and the proposed approach. The overall aim being to help consider the role of the Scrutiny Board.
3. As such, a range of information provided by the Deputy Director (Adult Social Care) is appended to this report. This includes:
 - Background to the Home Care Review Project (Appendix 1)
 - Home Care Project and Delivery Plan (Appendix 2)
 - Strategic Home Care Commissioning Group – Terms of Reference (Appendix 3)
 - Home Care Commissioning Board – Terms of Reference (Appendix 4)
4. The Executive Board Member (Adult Social Care) and appropriate officers from Adult Social Care have been invited to the meeting to contribute to the Scrutiny Board's deliberations and address relevant questions raised by the Board.

Appointment of non-voting co-opted members

5. At the beginning of the municipal year, the Scrutiny Board agreed not to appoint any standing non-voting co-opted members to its membership for the 2013/14 municipal year. However, the Scrutiny Board also agreed to continue to develop a close working

relationship with HealthWatch Leeds and review the appointment of non-voting co-opted members in relation to any specific scrutiny inquiry area during the municipal year.

6. As such, it would seem appropriate for the Scrutiny Board to consider the appointment of non-voting co-opted members in relation to its work around Home Care and, subject to agreement of the Scrutiny Board, seek appropriate nominations through HealthWatch Leeds.
7. Members are reminded that the Council's Constitution makes provision for the Scrutiny Board to appoint '*Up to two non-voting co-opted members for a term of office that relates to the duration of a particular and specific scrutiny inquiry.*'
8. Co-opted members should be considered as representatives of wider groups of people, but should not be seen as a replacement for professional advice from officers. The Council's Constitution also makes it clear that co-option would normally only be appropriate where the prospective co-opted member has 'some specialist skill or knowledge', which would be of assistance and benefit to the Scrutiny Board.
9. As such, in seeking any non-voting co-opted member nominations through HealthWatch Leeds, the Scrutiny Board may wish to be:
 - Clear about the specialist skill or knowledge of any potential co-opted member;
 - Satisfied that any such specialist skill or knowledge is relevant to the scrutiny topic under consideration; and,
 - Confident that such specialist skill or knowledge is likely to add value to the work of the Scrutiny Board.

Recommendations

10. The Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) is asked to consider the information presented and discussed at the meeting and:
 - (a) Determine the scope, general approach and any associated timescales in relation to its consideration of the Homecare Services in Leeds; and
 - (b) Through HealthWatch Leeds, seeks nominations for the appointment of up to two non-voting co-opted members in line with the provisions set out in the Council's Constitution.

Background documents¹

11. None used.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.