
Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**Report to Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care)****Date: 21 April 2015****Subject: Statement from the Adult Social Care Working Group – the future provision of external home care services**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

- 1 In December 2013, the Executive Board Member (Adult Social Care) highlighted work underway around the 'Future of Home Care' and requested the former Scrutiny Board's involvement in co-producing a solution.
- 2 To consider the potential role of the Scrutiny Board and help scope any future work, in February 2014 a report on the current provision was presented to the previous Scrutiny Board.
- 3 Following the appointment of a new Chair, alongside some general changes to the overall membership of the Scrutiny Board, at its meeting on 15 July 2014 the Scrutiny Board agreed some outline Terms of Reference for a working group to consider the future external provision of home care services.
- 4 The main aims of the working group were agreed as:
 - To maintain oversight of the overall progress of the Adult Social Care (ASC) project/ review.
 - To consider, review and make recommendations on any draft proposals/ solutions identified by ASC.
 - To identify any opportunities and/or examples of good practice around the potential purchasing solution and service delivery model for independent sector home care provision in Leeds.

- To identify the overall financial envelop available for the future delivery of services and to assess the financial stability of any draft proposals/ solutions identified by ASC.
 - To consider any opportunities for greater collaboration and value for money issues associated with the Leeds pound (£).
 - To maintain an overview of any public (service user) engagement and involvement activity, including details of any feedback and how this was being used to further develop the proposals.
- 5 The working group met on three separate occasions – with the initial meeting being a briefing from Adult Social Care officers around the current service provision, contractual arrangements and the review process. The subsequent meetings involved service users – who outlined their experiences of home care services – along with input from two private sector providers of home care services.
- 6 Relevant officers from Adult Social Services have attended each of the three working group meetings, with the Executive Board member for Adult Social Care attending the final meeting on 18 March 2015.
- 7 Attached at Appendix 1 is a draft statement prepared on behalf of the working group and presented to the Scrutiny Board for final agreement. The draft statement was prepared in discussion with the Chair of the Scrutiny Board and circulated to members of the working group for comment.
- 8 It should be noted that the draft statement will also form part of the agenda papers due to be considered by the Executive Board at its meeting on 22 April 2015. Should there be any amendments to the draft statement these will need to be reported to Executive Board at its meeting.

Recommendations

- 9 The Scrutiny Board is asked to:
- (a) Consider and comment on the draft statement attached at Appendix 1.
 - (b) Agree the final statement, due to be considered by Executive Board at its meeting on 22 April 2015.

Background papers¹

- 10 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.