

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

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

Date: 20 October 2015

Subject: Future Provision of Homecare - update

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

Summary of main issues

- 1 In the municipal year (2014/15), the previous Scrutiny Board established a working group to consider the future external provision of home care services. The main aims of the working group were to:
 - Maintain oversight of the overall progress of the Adult Social Care (ASC) project/ review.
 - Consider, review and make recommendations on any draft proposals/ solutions identified by ASC.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - Consider any opportunities for greater collaboration and value for money issues associated with the Leeds pound (£).
 - 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.

- 2 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.

- 3 In April 2015, a statement was prepared on behalf of the working group and was presented to and agreed by the previous Scrutiny Board. The agreed statement is appended to this report for information. The statement was presented and considered by the Executive Board at its meeting on 22 April 2015, with Executive Board resolving:

‘That the comments of Members of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Board who have examined the issues, risks and proposed remedies (as attached at Appendix 1 of the submitted report) be noted and fully taken into consideration when progressing such matters.’

- 4 To help the Scrutiny Board maintain an overview of progress and how the comments of the previous Scrutiny Board have been taken into account, an update from the Director of Adult Social Services is appended to this report for consideration.

Recommendations

- 5 The Scrutiny Board is asked to consider the update provided by the Director of Adult Social Services and determine any further scrutiny activity or actions deemed appropriate.

Background papers¹

- 6 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.