Present

Councillor Judith Chapman (Chair)
Councillor Stuart Andrew
Councillor Penny Ewens
Sally Morgan (Co-opted member)

Others in Attendance

John Lennon, Chief Officer Access & Inclusion
Richard Mills, Democratic Services

1.0 Apologies

1.1 An apology was reported from Joy Fisher, co-opted member who was attending a Links seminar in the Town Hall.

2.0 Introductions

2.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed regret that a number of Members of the working group was not present to hear more about the Personalisation agenda.

3.0 Background Information

3.1 Members received background papers considered by the Executive Board in January 2008 and a copy of the Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services) minutes of 7th January 2009 with specific reference to minute No 64 Personalisation.

4.0 Updated Terms of Reference

4.1 Members noted

(i) an updated copy of the Board's terms of reference for this Inquiry on Personalisation which now incorporated a timetable for the submission of evidence to this inquiry which projects into the new municipal year.

(ii) that the terms of reference may need to be updated further if this working group or the Scrutiny Board identify further scope for scrutiny of this issue.

5.0 Presentation - Personalisation in Leeds

5.1 The working group received a powerpoint presentation on the vision to transform the whole of Adult Social Care into a system of self-directed support which will enable eligible people needing social support and associated services to design, choose and control that support.

5.2 Members had been provided with a black and white version of the slide presentation in advance of the meeting and colour copies were tabled at the meeting together with a definition of terms headed "What do we Mean".

5.3   Members agreed

(i) That the presentation was excellent and the slides were very clear and concise and sets out the future direction of services in Adult Social Care.

(ii) That the presentation and the definition of terms be circulated to all Members of the working group.

(iii) That the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development be asked to arrange a Members seminar on Personalisation for all Members of Council using today's presentation.

(iv) That the report on Personalisation due to be considered by the Executive Board be circulated to members of the working group as soon as it is available

6.0   Issues Arising

6.1   A number of issues were discussed including the:

- Inequality of services within Councils
- Government's desire for fair access to services and driving out the post code lottery but because of financial constraints had resulted in Council's tightening their eligibility criteria
- Expectation that by 2050 we will have our first 120 year old and an increasing aging population
- Higher expectations of citizens
- Mental Capacity Act
- Principles of self-directed support
- Whole system change for self-directed support
- New service arrangements
- Future model of support and the work of the Early Implementation Team who are currently operating a pilot with 70 -80 volunteers to determine if delivery is practical and affordable
- Project this year to put Social Services in to Customer Services and to provide 24/7 quality service
- Commissioning
- Brokering
- Target set by Government is for the Council to have 30% of clients on self -directed support by 2011 which equates to 5,600 people. The Council currently has 932 direct payments
- 37 Day Centres and 20 Elderly Person homes and brand loyalty
- Need for Members to be appointed champions in each group to support and promote this service change
- Concerns that the service may become less professional
- IT and what is required to meet these changing needs

7.0   Personalisation Task Group (previously known as the Self Direct members Forum)

7.1   Members noted the report of the Director of Adult Social Services updating this Group on the work of the Personalisation Task Group (previously named the Self Direct Members Forum) including its terms of reference.

8.0   Next Meeting

8.1   Members noted that at its next session the working group on 22nd April 2009 will consider:

- The update report on Personalisation.

- The Resource Allocation System (RAS)