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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Care)

Date: 23 July 2008

Subject: Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Care) – Work Programme

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its meeting in June 2008, the Board identified a number of issues for its work programme and requested these to be formally presented at a future meeting. As such, the Board's draft work programme is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.2 Also attached for Members consideration is an extract from the Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period 1 July 2008 to 31 October 2008 (Appendix 2).

## 2.0 ADULT SOCIAL CARE PROPOSALS WORKING GROUP

- 2.1 In the previous municipal year, the former Scrutiny Board (Health and Adult Social Care) establish a Health Proposals Working Group to consider, at an early stage, service development proposals from NHS organisations within the City. One of the aims of such a working group was to help keep Members apprised of future developments overall and to help identify significant issues that warranted further and more detailed consideration by the full Scrutiny Board.
- 2.2 Given the recent split in responsibilities between the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Boards, Members are asked to give consideration to establishing a similar working group focusing on Adult Social Care matters.
- 2.3 Subject to the Boards approval and appointment to a working group, draft terms of reference will be prepared and presented to a future Board meeting.

### **3.0 ADAPTATIONS**

- 3.1 At its meeting in June 2008, the Board also identified 'Adaptations' as a potential topic area for a more detailed inquiry.
- 3.2 In October 2002, the Scrutiny Board (Social Services) published its inquiry report on Adaptations. A copy of the final report is attached at Appendix 3 for information.
- 3.3 Given the previous inquiry undertaken and any changes to service delivery since that time, the Board is asked to consider how best consider this topic further consideration. To this end, the Board should be reminded of the range of available approaches to evidence gathering, which include one or more of the following:
- A working group of the Scrutiny Board to consider some evidence and question key witnesses
  - Full meetings of the Scrutiny Board to consider some evidence and question key witnesses
  - Discussion with key stakeholders
  - Visits to selected establishments, as appropriate, to engage with service users and staff
  - Visits to other authority areas and/or areas of best practice, as appropriate

### **4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Members are asked to;
- (i) Consider the draft work programme attached at Appendix 1 and the extract from the Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period 1 July 2008 to 31 October 2008 (Appendix 2)
  - (ii) Consider the establishment of an Adult Social Care Proposals Working Group, with terms of reference to be presented to a future meeting.
  - (iii) Determine the best approach to give future consideration to the 'Adaptations' topic.
  - (iv) Amend and/ or agree the Board's work programme.