

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**CARE AND INDEPENDENCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**4 JULY 2013**

**WORK PROGRAMME REPORT**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1. The Committee has agreed the attached work programme
- 1.2. The report gives members the opportunity to be updated on work programme items and review the shape of the work ahead.

**2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The scope of this Committee is defined as:

***'The needs of vulnerable adults and older people and people whose independence needs to be supported by intervention from the public or voluntary sector.'***

**3.0 Joint North Yorkshire Carer's Strategy**

- 3.1 During consideration of the Local Account last year, the previous Committee flagged up an intention to review the support the Council gives to carers, particularly how the Council and its partners help them engage and participate in planning services. The Committee therefore readily accepted the invitation to be involved in the refresh of the Joint North Yorkshire Carers' Strategy.
- 3.2 The Carer's Strategy was recently signed off jointly by the Directorate and the new CCGs. At their recent Mid-Cycle Briefing, Group Spokespersons agreed that the resulting action plan should be the subject of consideration at your meeting today.
- 3.3 The importance of carers was one of the general themes Group Spokespersons discussed at their meeting. Carers, families and communities can play a bigger role in supporting themselves, with the care and support they need helping them to retain or regain dignity and involvement. They should increasingly influence the development and delivery of innovative care and support arrangements. For this reason, it has been agreed that consideration of carers issues be scheduled for two out of the four meetings held during the year, starting in October when the Chair of the North Yorkshire Carer's Forum be invited to address your meeting.

## **4.0 Extra Care**

- 4.1 The Committee has periodically received reports on the delivery of extra care housing schemes across the County. The Directorate has recently prepared a procurement process to identify a partner or partners to develop, manage and operate up to 30 extra care housing schemes across the County by April 2020. This will be considered at the Executive meeting on 9 July 2013. In addition to being kept abreast of progress on this, your Group Spokespersons have agreed that at least one visit be arranged to an extra care facility in the County.

## **5.0 Charging for Care Services**

- 5.1 Some two years ago, the Committee was involved in the consultation on a revised charging scheme for social care services and subsequently monitored the impact on service users. Group Spokespersons learned that further proposals on charging are under consideration and may be subject to further consultation later in the year. This topic has been provisionally scheduled for Committee consideration at the October meeting; if however, this does not dovetail with the Directorate's timetabling, a separate meeting may be necessary.

## **6.0 Re-ablement**

- 6.1 Many people will need support to regain some abilities or to maintain their wellbeing and level of independence. The Directorate's Start Service (the Short Term Assessment and Re-ablement Team) offers a period of support to help people with a disability to remain as independent as possible. It also helps people regain their independence and get back in control of their life after an accident or period of ill health.
- 6.2 Group Spokespersons have recommended that the Directorate update the Committee on this in-house service at a meeting in the New Year.

## **7.0 Fair Access to Care**

- 7.1 The government provides criteria to help councils decide who is eligible for support. This ensures that councils reach a decision in a fair, consistent and open way about who is in need of help. This criteria is called Fair Access to Care Services, where an individual's area of need is identified as either:

- Critical
- Substantial

- Moderate
- Low

7.2 By identifying the level of need at assessment, people with needs in the critical, substantial and moderate bands are currently offered support by county councils. Consideration of the North Yorkshire County Council position on fair access to care has been included in the draft work programme.

## **8.0 Recommendations**

8.1 The Committee is recommended to consider the attached work programme and determine whether any further amendments should be made at this stage.

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Background Documents: None

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### Scope

The needs of vulnerable adults and older people and people whose independence needs to be supported by intervention from the public or voluntary sector

### Meeting dates

<p><b>Scheduled Mid Cycle</b> Lead Members of Committee</p>	6 June 2013 at 2pm	5 September 2013 at 2pm <b>Proposed change - Tuesday 10 September 2013 10.30am</b>	12 December 2014 at 2pm <b>Proposed change - Tuesday 10 December 2013 10.30am</b>	27 February 2014 at 2pm
<p><b>Scheduled Committee Meetings</b> <i>Agenda briefings to be held at 9.30am prior to Committee meeting. Attended by Lead Members of Committee</i></p>	Thursday 4 July 2013 at 10.30am	Thursday 3 October 2013 at 10.30am Possible date change	Thursday 23 January 2014 at 10.30am	Thursday 24 April 2014 at 10.30am

### In-depth Scrutiny Review

Meeting	SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM
Thursday 4 July	Safeguarding Financial Inclusion	<p>To be agreed at July meeting Provisionally:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• consider the problem of financial abuse against vulnerable adults; and</li> <li>• assess the range of strategic actions being taken to combat and reduce the threat.</li> </ul> <p>6 month review work – completion ideally timed with completion Annual report Safeguarding Board.</p>	Report seeking approval of task and finish work RB

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**Overview Reports**

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>	<b>ACTION/BY WHOM</b>
<b>Thursday 4 July 2013 at 10.30am</b>	Induction/overview	Main themes in social care	Briefing report and presentation - HAS
	Carers - Outcomes Framework Action Plan	Receive action plan.	Report from HAS.
	Future work on Carers issues	Options for committee scrutiny of carers issues	Corporate - RB
	Innovation Fund	Evaluation of success of approved schemes and what it means for preventative agenda.	Report from HAS (as per Executive report)
	Dementia Care Navigator	Understanding of the procurement of a dementia support service in North Yorkshire – briefing on 1 July event	Report/Briefing from HAS
	Programme of Scrutiny of Safeguarding	Approve proposed in depth review on the prevalence, recognition and current preventive interventions of financial abuse	Corporate - RB
	Status of added members	Decide upon VCS and independent care sector representation.	Corporate - RB
	Local Account	Introduction on purpose, process and timescales for this year's version.	Report from HAS (possibly joint with Corporate Services)
<b>Thursday 3 October 2013 at 10.30am</b>	Extra Care (possibly – timing dependent on Executive forward work plan)	Progress/Situation report on procurement (possible location visit of extra care premises at some point)	Report from HAS.
	Carers Issue	Topic/approach determined at July meeting when action plan considered	
	Autism Strategy	Update on implementation	Report from HAS
	Valuing People Now	Assessment of Performance	Report from HAS
	Fair Access to Care Criteria	Position and implications	Report from HAS

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	Care Charging	Considered if directorate proposals to review	Report from HAS
	Safeguarding (if dates work)	Annual report North Yorkshire Safeguarding Board	Report from HAS
<b>Thursday 23 January 2014 at 10.30am</b>	Integrated Joint Commissioning		Report from HAS
	Commissioning within Adult Social Services.		Report from HAS
	Carers Issue	<i>Possible informal discussion with Carers Forum representatives</i>	
	Budget Scrutiny?	Depends on decisions regarding budget setting process.	
	Annual report of the Older Peoples Champion	To include Dignity in Care - how dignity is being delivered, the challenges ahead	Shelagh Marshall
<b>Thursday 24 April 2014 at 10.30am</b>	Homecare services - Short Term Assessment and Re-ablement Team	Assessment of effectiveness – Review of Performance	Report from HAS
	Personalisation	Evaluation/Self-directed Support/ Review of Direct Payments	Report from HAS
	Alcohol Related Harm	Outline of strategy and action taken	Report from Public Health
<b>To be scheduled</b>	Out of County Placements/Complex Needs	Review Update	Report from HAS
	Long Term Conditions	Support for people in the community	Report from HAS
	Safeguarding Issue	to be determined. <i>(possibly specialist work to safeguard vulnerable people?)</i>	
	Developing the local market - services to support personalisation		Report from HAS
	Integrated Community Equipment/Centres for Independent Living/User led organisations		Report from HAS

Please note that this is a working document, therefore topics and timeframes might need to be amended over the course of the year.