

## **SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH POC REVIEW TOPICS FOR FIRST MAJOR REVIEW OF 2016/17**

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### **REASON FOR ITEM**

To enable the Committee to agree a topic to be developed into a draft scoping report to be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

### **OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE**

The Committee is asked to select a single area within its remit to be developed into a scoping report. This will require the Committee to provide specific rather than broad areas to focus on. By so doing, officers will be able to produce a scoping report that addresses Members' main concerns and put forward an effective plan for the review.

### **INFORMATION**

1. The Committee is responsible for undertaking the 'policy overview' role in relation to Adult Social Care Services, Housing and Public Health responsibilities of the Council. The full range of services under the Committee's remit is outlined in the terms of reference at the start of the agenda.
2. Previous experience from both Hillingdon and other Councils indicates that the Committee can have the greatest impact by focusing on a work programme agreed at the start of the Council year. Similarly, focusing upon one or two items at each meeting can help Members engage with the major issues and encourage resident and stakeholder engagement.
3. As in previous years, the Committee is recommended to use this first meeting of the year to set a work programme for the next 12 months and select one or two topics for major review.
4. In selecting topics, Members are reminded of the Committee's work in from 2015 to 2010, which included reviews of:

#### **2014/15**

- Children's Oral Health
- Hillingdon's Shared Lives Scheme

#### **2013/14**

- The Causes of Tenancy Failure and how it can be Prevented

#### **2012/13**

- Review of Adult Community Mental Health Services

#### **2011/12**

- Personalisation and Disabilities with Reference to Transition

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- Population Flows and the Impact on Housing Services in Hillingdon

## **2010/11**

- To examine the use of Assistive Technology by Adult Social Care to Support Independent Living
- Hillingdon Centre for Independent Living (Looking at Efficiencies, Services & Fully Costed Options)

Officers have provided the following comments on these suggestions:

### **Employment of people with disabilities**

The number of adult social care service users with a learning disability who are in employment is significantly below the national average. It currently stands at 2.3% and the national average is 6%.

The council is taking steps to work with its partners to ensure more people with disabilities can access paid employment. This includes the development of Project Search sites in the borough and the development of a range of other supported internship pathways.

With the introduction of Education, Health and Care Plans up to the age of 25 years this should encourage a focus on outcomes aimed at preparing young people for adulthood including employment. The national expectation is that these reforms will lead to improved employment statistics within the medium term. It is anticipated the review would provide an overview of current activities and develop proposals to improve employment prospects in the future.

### **Hospital Discharges**

The length of time an older person is admitted to hospital is critical to their health and wellbeing. The Hospital team work jointly with Hillingdon Hospital to expedite timely discharges always putting our residents at the centre of their discharge planning.

The Council have taken steps to devise an integrated model of discharge with our partner agencies, focussing on admission prevention and timely discharge planning. An integrated team at the front door was implemented in October 2015, further work is underway to enhance the current model of the patient admission journey to ensure timely and safe discharges and appropriate follow up once back in the community.

### **Extra Care Housing**

The Council currently has two Extra Care Housing Schemes, where adults aged 55+ are able to live in their flat, with a tenancy and have a number of 'core' care hours per week to ensure that their eligible social care needs are met. Housing management staff support residents of the schemes with their tenancy, budgeting etc.

The Council's strategy in promoting independence, supporting people in their communities and helping people to remain at home for longer means less reliance on Care Homes/residential care and more opportunities for residents to live in their own property with the support they require.

To meet demand and address the reduction in the use of residential care, the Council is now building two further Extra Care Housing Schemes at Parkview and Grassy Meadow with a strong emphasis on supporting people with dementia.. These modern scheme's will provide a real opportunity to create 'community hub's' where by they are offering a range of services to local older adults that addresses social isolation and prevent admission to hospital.. To deliver this model further work with health colleagues is needed to consider integrated Health & Social Care staff, who are able to provide a range of support that includes some clinical expertise, to help maintain people's health and well being for longer.