

HILLINGDON CENTRE FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING: BRIEFING NOTE

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REASON FOR ITEM

To provide the Committee with an update on the possible options for developing the Hillingdon Centre for Independent Living.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE

- To note the contents of the briefing note.
- To question officers on its content and to provide suggestions to be incorporated into the HCIL scoping report.

INFORMATION

1. At the last meeting the Committee agreed the Hillingdon Centre for Independent Living as their second major review for the second half of the year in response to Cabinet's request on 24th June 2010 that:
 - a) **The Policy Overview Committee review this matter again looking at the potential to provide the service in a more efficient manner, possibly for the benefit of other authorities as well as Hillindgon; and**
 - b) **Officers work with the Committee to report back to Cabinet with fully costed options and recommendations.**
2. The attached briefing note identifies a series of possible options about the development of HCIL for the Committee to incorporate into their future scoping report

SUGGESTED COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

1. That Members question officers and identify any particular issues to inform the HCIL scoping report

HCIL BRIEFING NOTE

Officers, working closely with the Committee will explore the following options for developing Hillingdon Centre for Independent Living (HCIL)

Public sector options

Income from neighbouring councils – officers will enquire of neighbouring boroughs the level of interest in commissioning HCIL to support their residents. This repeats an exercise undertaken in 2007/8 which was not fruitful but circumstances may have changed.

Additional council funding – the Committee could recommend to reprioritise the Council's current third sector funding and put the service out to tender under a specification that creates a unified service. The agreement of NHS Hillingdon and Hillingdon Community Health would be required and there would also need to be consultation with GP representatives.

Independent sector option

Social enterprise - the Committee could recommend the possibility of HCIL being set up as a community interest company will be explored. This would give HCIL independence from state control and give the freedom to set its own direction as well as to access non-statutory funding. The agreement of NHS Hillingdon and Hillingdon Community Health would be required and there would also need to be consultation with GP representatives.

Private sector options

Retail model – the Committee could recommend that the Council should not fund low risk equipment and that people requiring this equipment will need to go through the retail service. This could result in an enhanced role for HCIL to provide impartial advice and support and could provide an opportunity for private sector investment. Should a decision about low risk goods be made then officers would liaise with the other two partners in the current arrangement and any potential private sector provider. This would require approval from Hillingdon Community Health before any arrangements with private equipment providers could be entered into.