

## Report of the Convener of the Social Care at Home Scrutiny Inquiry Panel

Scrutiny Programme Committee – 22 December 2014

### SOCIAL CARE AT HOME SCRUTINY INQUIRY – FINAL REPORT

<b>Purpose</b>	To present the final report for the scrutiny inquiry into social care at home
<b>Content</b>	The final report is attached which concludes the inquiry.
<b>Councillors are being asked to</b>	a) Agree the report for submission to Cabinet b) Identify any issues that might be emphasised as the report is presented to Cabinet c) Consider whether any issues arising merit inclusion in the future scrutiny work programme
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#### 1. Details

- 1.1 The final report arising from the Scrutiny Panel's inquiry into how the Council can improve social care at home is presented to the Committee for agreement. The attached report presents the conclusions and recommendations arising from the inquiry that sought to answer the following question:

*How can the Council and its partners best support older people to remain in their own homes?*

- 1.2 The report is structured in the following way:

- Foreword: Why This Matters
- Summary of Conclusions and Recommendations
- Why We Produced this Report
- Evidence Considered
- Conclusions
- Recommendations
- Acknowledgements
- About the Panel

- 1.3 The Scrutiny Programme Committee are asked to agree the report for submission to Cabinet. In considering the report the Committee should satisfy themselves that:

- Sufficient evidence has been gathered in order to address the question that the inquiry aimed to answer;
- The conclusions of the panel are supported by the evidence gathered by the Panel;

- The recommendations of the Panel follow from their conclusions and are reasonable, achievable and capable of being actioned and monitored.

If the Committee have any issues with regard to the content of the report, these will need to be referred back to the Panel for further consideration prior to the report being re-presented to the Committee.

- 1.4 In considering the report the Committee may wish to emphasise aspects of the Inquiry to Cabinet. Points of this type can be included on the covering report that goes to Cabinet and will be attributed to the Committee.

## **2. Issues for Further Scrutiny**

- 2.1 The Committee should note that the Panel experienced goodwill and positive support from those providing information for what was an inquiry into a complex area. However, we encountered serious difficulties in obtaining some of the information that we needed and these issues are detailed in the report.

- 2.2 As a result of the inquiry, the Panel suggests that the Committee consider a number of topics as part of its future workplan. These topics, highlighted in the report are:

- The break down of costs for the Council associated with directly providing paid care and why these differ from the costs associated with external providers
- Alternatives to residential and home care and how the Council might provide these alternatives
- The brokerage system for social care at home (should the time and task approach be retained)
- Social Care at Home for groups of people other than older people

## **3. Legal Implications**

- 3.1 There are no specific legal implications at this stage.

## **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications to this report. Any potential implications will be outlined in the Cabinet response.

Background Papers: *see attached report*

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