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Dear Councillor Harris

Transformation of Adult Social Services Working Group, 13 October 2014

The working group met on 13th October to consider the best way for scrutiny to engage with the Transformation of Adult Social Services programme. I would like to thank you and officers for attending the panel.

The working group discussed at length with you the importance of ensuring that the report on the Independent review on the commissioning and provision of social services to older people was made available as soon as possible to the group. The working group understood that the report was received by Social Services at the beginning of September but was being withheld. The group expressed in very uncertain terms, its frustration about such an unacceptable delay and also pointed out that panel members need time to study its findings. Therefore, in order to do justice to this responsibility the report needed to be released to scrutiny members without delay. The working group welcomed your agreement to circulate the report as soon as possible.

Ed Hammond from the Centre for Public Scrutiny attended the meeting to discuss and help the group develop its ideas on how best to provide challenge, assurance and scrutiny engagement in the TASS process. With regards to this, the panel agreed to explore the following:

- Understand why the transformation was necessary, the drivers of change
- Understanding the user need and perspective, how to establish what local needs are

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- Identify areas to focus the scrutiny work on and tailor the work to the TASS cabinet timetable.

As part of our discussions we came up with the following list of possible area on which we could focus our scrutiny work:

- Independent Review
- Western Bay work
- Strategic integration
- Network hubs and health
- Joint commissioning of services and pooling funding
- Costs
- Transport
- Housing
- Different service areas such as Learning disabilities, Mental health
- Local area co-ordination and community development, drawing on the approach in Scotland and Australia
- Safeguarding & risks
- Signposting

The next step for the working group is to identify a set of dates so that a timetable of work can be drafted and agreed.

I hope you find this letter useful and informative.

Yours sincerely

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