

**TASK AND FINISH WORKING GROUP: REVIEW OF HOME CARE SERVICES  
LINK TO WORK PROGRAMME: MEMBER REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF AN ITEM**

**Report of the City Solicitor**

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: SP4, SP8  
CORPORATE PRIORITIES: CIO1, CIO4**

**1. Why has this report come to committee?**

- 1.1 The report provides Members of the committee with the draft findings from the evidence gathered in relation to the task and finish working group established to look at home care services.
- 1.2 The report presents the evidence, research and conclusions drawn throughout the review process arising from this evidence gathering. Members are asked to give consideration to the draft report.
- 1.3 The review into home care services has links to the Councils Strategic Priorities in particular 'Improving Health and Social Care' and 'Creating Inclusive Communities.' The review also has links to Corporate Priorities on delivering customer focused services and improving partnership working.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 At the review committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2009 it was agreed that a task and finish group be established to look into home care service provision further. The work undertaken by the task and finish group into this area could help provide additional information to compliment the quality assurance processes already being undertaken by the Directorate and to provide the Health and Wellbeing Review Committee with the opportunity to contribute to the annual report on Home Care services.
- 2.2 The review committee also agreed to the task and finish group establishing its own terms of reference and to provide progress reports back to the Health and Wellbeing Review Committee as appropriate.

**3. The Draft Report**

- 3.1 The draft report on Home Care Services is attached as an appendix to this report and presents members with the facts and evidence that have been gathered throughout the working group's investigation. As part of the review process evidence was obtained from a variety of witnesses and stakeholders.

- 3.2 Members are asked to read the report and comment on the content with particular reference to the content of the report. Members may wish to amend the report for purposes of accuracy, clarity or relevance to ensure the report is a true reflection of the work undertaken.

#### **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Review Committee are presented with a draft copy of the task and finish working groups document for comment and amendment with the aim of producing a final report for presentation and approval by Cabinet.

#### **5. Recommendation**

- 5.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Review Committee provide comments on the draft report and that any agreed amendments are made.
- 5.2 That consideration is given to recommendations for the final report of the task and finish working group.
- 5.3 That the agreed final report is presented to the Cabinet for approval at its June 2009 meeting.

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