

<b>HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL</b>
<b>28 JANUARY 2015</b>
<b>PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARE ACT 2014</b>
<b>REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</b>

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To scrutinise the Council's progress in responding to requirements of the Care Act 2014 to ensure that it meets statutory deadlines for implementation.

**2. Action required**

- 2.1 The Panel is asked to use the information provided to inform questioning and discussion about the progress being made by the Council to ensure that it will be ready to meet requirements of the Care Act 2014 in accordance with statutory deadlines; and identify if any further scrutiny is required.

**3. Background information**

- 3.1 The Care Act passed into law in May 2014. The Act makes major changes to the legal framework for adult social care, the funding system, the rights of those needing social care and the duties on local authorities. Therefore it will have a significant impact on the Council. Implementation of the Act is phased - some aspects need to be implemented by April 2015 and others need to be implemented by April 2016.
- 3.2 In July 2014 the Panel considered information on the aspects of the Act relevant to local authorities, impacts and implications that had been identified for the Council at that stage and next steps.
- 3.3 Over the last six months work has taken place, overseen by the programme board, to respond to these requirements. Final guidance on implementation of the Act was published in October 2014.
- 3.4 Attached is a paper outlining the work that has taken place; the extent to which the Council is ready to meet the new requirements from April 2015; and further work that will be taking place. The Council's relevant Policy Officer will be attending the meeting to answer questions in relation to this.

**4. List of attached information**

- 4.1 The following information can be found in the appendix to this report:

## Appendix 1 – Progress on implementing the Care Act 2014

5. **Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

None

6. **Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

Care Act 2014

Care Act 2014: Statutory guidance for implementation (Department of Health October 2014)

Report to, and minutes of the meeting of the Health Scrutiny Panel held on 30 July 2014

7. **Wards affected**

All

8. **Contact information**

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