

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
23 JULY 2015
PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARE ACT 2014
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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 Committee 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 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.
- 3.2 Regulation and statutory guidance (Part 1) was published in October 2014 ahead of implementation by April 2015.
- 3.3 (Part 2) is concerned with funding reform and is to be implemented by April 2016. Final guidance for Part 2 of the Act is expected in October 2015.
- 3.4 The Care Act Programme Board is in place, with programme leads in key areas. This is overseeing further work around compliance with Part 1 of the Act and projects of delivery that will ensure the Council is compliant with funding reform legislation (Part 2).
- 3.5 City Council Officers responsible for implementing the Care Act 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

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 28 January 2015

7. Wards affected

All

8. Contact information

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