

PUBLIC SERVICE TRUST FOR HEREFORDSHIRE**Report By: Director of Adult and Community Services****Wards Affected**

County-wide

Purpose

1. To consider an update on the development of a Public Service Trust for Herefordshire.

Financial Implications

2. None at this stage.

Background

3. Following the re-organisation of the Primary Care Trust boundaries across England, Herefordshire PCT and Herefordshire Council have committed themselves to exploring the establishment of a Public Service Trust enabling closer strategic management and co-ordination for the delivery of key public services in Herefordshire.
4. An independent consultant, Alan Curless of Alan Curless Associates Limited was appointed to undertake a piece of work on behalf of the PCT and the Council to explore the possible scope of a 'Public Service Trust' for Herefordshire. A copy of the summary proposal resulting from this work is attached at Appendix 1 to this report along with a copy of a summary of the deliberations of Cabinet when it met to discuss this matter on 26th October, 2006 attached at Appendix 2.
5. Significant further work is required to take these proposals forward and further reports will be made to the Health Scrutiny Committee as appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION**THAT Members note progress and next steps in relation to the establishment of a Public Service Trust for Herefordshire.****BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- None