

MEETING:	ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND STRATEGIC HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	30TH OCTOBER 2009
TITLE OF REPORT:	SCRUTINY REVIEW OF THE SUPPORT TO CARERS IN HEREFORDSHIRE
REPORT BY:	Carers Scrutiny Review Group

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Wards Affected

County-wide.

Purpose

To consider the findings arising from the Scrutiny Review of the Support to Carers in Herefordshire.

Recommendation

THAT

- (a) the Committee considers the report of the Carers Scrutiny Review Group, in particular its recommendations, and determines whether it wishes to agree the findings for submission to Cabinet.**
- (b) subject to the Review being approved, the Executive's response to the Review including an action plan be reported to the first available meeting of the Committee after the Executive has approved its response;**
and;
- (c) a further report on progress in response to the Review be made after six months with consideration then being given to the need for any further reports to be made.**

Introduction and Background

1. At the meeting of the Adult Social Care and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Committee on 24th July 2008 the Committee considered a suggestion that, against a background of the Government agenda for 'Putting People First' through personalisation, individualised budgets and self-directed care, a Scrutiny Review of the Support to Carers in Herefordshire should be undertaken. The Committee agreed to form a scrutiny review group and appointed its membership. The terms of

reference for the review were drawn up by the Lead Officer for the Review and are incorporated into the attached report at Appendix 1.

2. The Review Group's report setting out its approach to its task, its findings, and recommendations is attached.

Background Papers

- None identified.