

## CANCER SERVICES

**Report By: Director of Social Care and Strategic Housing**

### Wards Affected

County-wide

### Purpose

1. To consider issues regarding the provision of cancer services.

### Financial Implications

2. None identified at this stage. Work is to be carried out from within existing resources.

### Background

3. Cancer services are organised around Networks which bring together a large enough population to ensure high quality treatment for more specialist services. The Cheltenham and Tewkesbury NHS Primary Care Trust has advised the Council that the Cancer Network Board responsible for overseeing the provision of cancer services across Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and South Worcestershire is, "currently working to implement a series of action plans linked to improving Outcomes guidance for each of the main types of cancer. It is likely that this will identify the need for continued development and change in services to meet the stringent standards set."
4. The Chairman and the Head of Policy and Communication are to attend a joint meeting to discuss how best to address any cross-boundary issues. There is a clear possibility that it will be necessary to establish a formal joint Committee with the other two Scrutiny Committees affected: those of Gloucestershire County Council and Worcestershire County Council. In the event that action needs to be taken to establish a Joint Committee, and there is not a convenient scheduled meeting to which to report, it is proposed that the Director of Social Care and Strategic Housing be authorised to take any necessary action to facilitate the establishment of a Joint Committee after appropriate consultation.

### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT the Director of Social Care and Strategic Housing be authorised to take any necessary action to facilitate the establishment of a Joint Committee after consultation with the Chairman of the Committee and the County Secretary and Solicitor.**

### BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None