

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW &amp; SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	<b>6 DECEMBER 2013</b>
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE RESPONSE TO THE TASK AND FINISH GROUP REPORT ON: ADULT SOCIAL CARE - NEXT STAGE INTEGRATION (PHASE 1)</b>
<b>REPORT BY:</b>	<b>INTERIM DIRECTOR OF ADULTS WELLBEING</b>

**1. Classification**

Open

**2. Key Decision**

This is not a Key Decision

**3. Wards Affected**

County-wide

**4. Purpose**

- 4.1 To report the Executive's response and action plan in respect of the report of the Task and Finish Group on Adult Social Care - Next Stage Integration (Phase 1).

**5. Recommendations**

**THAT:**

- a) **The Committee notes the Executive response and contents of the action; and**
- b) **The Committee that the Committee receive an updated report in six months.**

**6. Alternative Options**

None.

**7. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 7.1 To ensure that the Committee is aware of the Executive's response to the Task and Finish Group report and to comply with the Council's Constitution (4.5.13.3).

**8. Key Considerations**

A Health & Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee Task & Finish Review has been undertaken into the Service user Engagement within the Next Stage Integration Project (Phase 1) for Adult Social Care.

The Executive's responses to the recommendations of the Review Group are contained within the Appendix of this report.

## **9. Community Impact**

- 9.1 Agreement to the recommendations maintains the current Corporate and Adult Wellbeing objectives that are in place to support the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Corporate Plan.

## **10. Equality and Human Rights**

- 10.1 An Equality Impact Assessment was undertaken in relation to the overarching Next Stage Integration Project (see Cabinet agenda 25 July 2013). As remaining elements of the programme are developed and implemented individual assessments are being maintained and used to inform decision-making.

## **11. Financial Implications**

- 11.1 The financial implications of the agreed recommendations is considered to be nil where action is already in place and resources are agreed as part of business as usual or project resource. New actions arising from the agreed recommendations, for example Task and Finish Recommendation 6 shown at Appendix 1 would need to be assessed for further consideration at the appropriate time.

## **12. Legal Implications**

There are no specific legal implications for this report.

## **13. Risk Management**

- 13.1 The responses of the Executive take into account identified risks. The response to Recommendation 18 is not accepted because the risks associated with carrying out the recommendation outweigh any perceived benefits at this time.

## **14. Consultees**

- 14.1 The Head of Commercial Services, the Communication Manager, the Equality, Human Rights and Partnership Manager and the Director of Adult Wellbeing have been consulted on the responses to the recommendations.

## **15. Appendices**

- 15.1 Task and Finish Review Group – Adult Social Care - Next Stage Integration (Phase 1) Project – Recommendations and Executive Responses

## **16. Background Papers**

- 16.1 None