

ADULTS COMMITTEE AGENDA PLAN

To: **Adults Committee**

Meeting Date: **20th May 2014**

From: **Democratic Services**

Electoral division(s): **All**

Forward Plan ref: **Not applicable** *Key decision:* **No**

Purpose:

- a) To report on adult social care issues that the outgoing Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has recently considered and wishes to draw to the Adults Committee's attention**
- b) To report on a request from the Audit and Accounts Committee relating to auditing of projects**
- c) To present the future agenda plan for the Adults Committee (attached as Appendix A)**

Recommendation: **Members are invited to consider the report and to notify officers of any additional items they would like the Committee to consider.**

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has considered a wide range of topics in recent years, a number of which the Adults Committee may wish to include in its agenda planning.
- 1.2 The Audit and Accounts Committee at its meeting on 28th January 2014 recommended that each new service committee should consider whether it wished to review two previously completed projects within its service area, to confirm that it was satisfied that value for money had been achieved.

2. ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

2.1 Support for carers: The development and implementation of the Council's new model of support for carers

- 2.1.1 The Council has recently reviewed how it provides support for family carers, and is designing a new model of support. This is partly in response to forthcoming legislation that gives carers entitlement to an assessment of their support needs, and places various obligations on local authorities.
- 2.1.2 According to the 2011 Census, around 60,000 people in Cambridgeshire identify themselves as doing some unpaid care for a friend or family member. Around 30% of these provide 20 or more hours of care per week, with older carers tending to provide more hours of care.

2.2 Ensuring social care assessments and reviews are undertaken within the appropriate timescales

- 2.2.1 The Council's 2013/14 performance in relation to adult social care clients receiving a review is below target across all its client groups, particularly in relation to older people; as a result, the Council may not be made aware when people's support needs change. Work is currently being undertaken to improve performance.

2.3 Building on progress in improving discharge planning and reducing delayed discharge, in partnership with the NHS.

- 2.3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee conducted a major review of delayed discharge and discharge planning, which reported in May 2013. It made a range of recommendations to the County Council, the Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS providers, relating to inter-agency working, discharge planning processes, increasing the capacity of community-based services, and admissions avoidance.

2.4 Ensuring Adult Social Care IT systems, including their links to NHS systems, work as effectively as possible

- 2.4.1 The need for IT systems which support integrated working and information-sharing has been identified both in relation to the review of delayed discharge and discharge planning (see 2.3 above), and in relation to the provision of older people's health and social care services.

3. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

- 3.1 In the context of a follow-up item on the finding of the Annual Audit Letter 2012/13 that the Council had made proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of the Authority's resources, the Committee suggested that the new service committees might wish to review at least two projects falling within their service area, to check that they were satisfied that value for money considerations had been included and met.

4. ADULTS COMMITTEE AGENDA PLAN

- 4.1 To inform the Committee's consideration of the suggestions above, the Agenda Plan for the municipal year 2014/15 is attached as Appendix A.
- 4.2 In deciding on any additions to the agenda plan, members are asked to bear in mind that the timing of and approach to any items identified will need to take into account the resources available to support the Committee.

Source Documents	Location
Reports and minutes of the Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CommitteeMinutes/Committees/Committee.aspx?committeeID=37
Minutes of the Audit and Accounts Committee 28th January 2014	http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CommitteeMinutes/Committees/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=710