

Appendix 2

Adult Social Care and Housing Overview Scrutiny Committee

An update on the proposals re the future Commissioning of a Community Meals Service

1. Since the ASHOSC workshop officers have held an internal workshop which included representatives from Adult Social Care Commissioning, Corporate Procurement, Consultation, Finance and the Delivery Unit (Assessment).
2. The notes from the ASHOSC workshop were available to the meeting and the meeting focused upon identifying the broad principles that could inform future commissioning plans. These were identified as :
 - i. The commissioning plans should promote personalisation and individual choice and control
 - ii. The commissioning plans will promote locally sourced food in the delivery of this service
 - iii. The Council will ensure that it can meet its statutory duties for those with eligible care needs through the new arrangements
 - iv. The commissioning plans will encourage an innovative, creative approach to meals provision and encourage partnership working. We will be looking at services that could be city wide or neighbourhood based and that could be providing meals to the person's home or in a community based setting. The potential for pilot projects will also be explored.
 - v. The signposting and information available on the range of services available will be improved so that anyone interested in accessing such a service is better able to do so. This will include information regarding the nutritional value of the meals.
 - vi. The current level of subsidy will be reduced on a phased basis and any remaining subsidy will be only available for those people who have eligible needs.
 - vii. That transitional arrangements are considered to ensure that current service users continue to receive a service
3. These principles are believed to be in line with those established through the scrutiny workshop.

4. A programme of actions was identified to progress the commissioning plans and this includes :
 - a. gathering more in depth data and analysis in relation to people who currently use the service, their needs and their location.
 - b. a consultation programme to get the views of stakeholders including existing service users and prospective service users.
 - c. a stakeholder event of all services across the city with an interest in providing a meals related service to promote innovation, partnership and also map out more fully what is currently available. This could include the potential to identify pilot projects.
 - d. building on the initial work already undertaken to identify the approach taken by other Councils and any best practice we can utilise locally
 - e. Ensuring that all future referrals into the service are completed by Adult social care staff and individual's needs are entered onto Council systems.
 - f. Identifying additional resources to support this work
 - g. Developing a clear and timetabled project plan that will incorporate all these actions.
5. A report covering these principles and proposed actions will be taken to the Cabinet Member Meeting on March 12th 2012. The notes from the ASHOSC workshop will be included as an appendix and verbal update will be provided following the ASHOSC Meeting on March 8th 2012.