

Subject: Dementia Select Committee
Date of Meeting: 21st April 2009
Report of: Acting Director of Strategy & Governance
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Commission has a role to consider requests from Overview and Scrutiny Committees to establish task orientated, time-limited Select Committees to review in-depth particular topics.¹ The Commission also has a role in coordinating scrutiny work between two Committees where an issue fits within both terms of reference.
- 1.2 The last meeting of the Adult Social Care and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a number of potential topics for its next ad hoc panel. Following debate it was agreed to look at the development of a Dementia Strategy for the City. However there was concern that this was too large an issue for an ad hoc panel and that it would also cross over into the health domain.
- 1.3 This report therefore asks members to consider establishing a Select Committee to look at the development of a Dementia Strategy for the City.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Commission considers whether to establish a Select Committee to look at the development of a Dementia Strategy as outlined in the report.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 At its last meeting the Adult Social Care and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee (ASCHOSC) agreed that the involvement of overview and scrutiny at the early stages of the development of a Dementia Strategy for the City would be beneficial. The report outlining areas the review could

¹ Council Constitution - Part 6, Section 4, Paragraph 1

cover is attached as Appendix 1, with the draft minutes from the meeting attached as Appendix 2.

- 3.2 There was cross-party agreement that this was an opportunity to undertake a very valuable piece of forward looking policy development work through the Overview and Scrutiny process.
- 3.3 There was however concern that this was both a very large topic and there was also a clear cross over with the remit of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. It was therefore resolved that a paper would be tabled at the Overview and Scrutiny Commission setting out possible options for joint working between ASCHOSC and HOSC and whether this should be under the auspices of an ad hoc panel or select committee.
- 3.4 The Council's constitution relating to the establishment of a select Committee stipulates a number of criteria which should be considered by Members, these are:
- The importance of the matter being raised and the extent to which it relates to the achievement of the Council's strategic priorities, the implementation of its policies or other key issues affecting the well being of the City or its communities;
 - Whether there is evidence that the decision-making rules in Article 11 of the constitution have been breached; that the agreed consultation processes have not been followed; or that a decision or action proposed or taken is not in accordance with a policy agreed by the Council;
 - The potential benefits of a review especially in terms of possible improvements to future procedures and/or the quality of Council services;
 - What other avenues may be available to deal with the issue and the extent to which the Councillor or body submitting the request has already tried to resolve the issue through these channels;
 - The proposed scrutiny approach (a brief synopsis) and resources required, resources available and the need to ensure that the Overview and Scrutiny process as a whole is not overloaded by requests.
- 3.5 A copy of the summary of 'Living Well with Dementia', the National Dementia Strategy is attached as Annex 3. There is also an associated national implementation plan with 17 specific outcomes which local health economies are expected to make 'considerable progress' in achieving over the next five years. A local strategy and implementation plan would be central in delivering this.
- 3.6 Coordination with other partners involved in dementia care will be critical both for any scrutiny review and the future development of the strategy. This will include establishing local timescales, priorities and key milestones as soon as possible.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Consultation has taken place with the Joy Hollister, Director of Adult Social Care and Housing.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report other than the officer resources required to support a select committee.

Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley

Date: 07/04/2009

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 All legal implications are covered within the body of the report.

Lawyer Consulted: Oliver Dixon

Date: 07/04/2009

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 There are no direct sustainability implications arising from this report.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 There are no direct sustainability implications arising from this report.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 There are no direct crime and disorder implication arising from this report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. ASCHOSC – Ad hoc panel scoping report (5th March)
2. Extract from ASCHOSC draft minutes (5th March)
3. Living well with Dementia Summary Document

