

<b>SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR HEALTH ISSUES</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 8</b>
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## **Report of the Executive Director of Adult Social Care**

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### **CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND CHARGES FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To inform the committee of the consultation with social care service users, carers and partners on proposals to revise the Council's eligibility criteria for Council supported social care services, to make changes to the charges levied for social care services and to remove the subsidy from the home meals service.  
 To seek the views of the committee on these issues and of measures that should be taken to promote a more preventative approach if the Council decides to revise eligibility as proposed.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 To ask the committee to comment as part of the consultation process.

#### **3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

- 3.1 Priority 1 Creating opportunities – tackling inequalities – improving health and supporting vulnerable people.

#### **4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Background details are provided in the 10 December 2012 Cabinet report, attached as appendix 1.

#### **5. KEY ISSUES**

- 5.1 Key issues are outlined in appendix 1.

#### **6. IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The implications are outlined in appendix 1.

#### **7. CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 The consultation started in early January 2013 and ends on 13 February 2013. All service users were written to following the Cabinet meeting in December, and again after the Christmas break. A questionnaire has been prepared and is in use to collect views of service users, their families and carers, partner agencies and staff.
- 7.2 A member briefing has been held and a further one is planned. Comments can be provided via written questionnaire, email or via a dedicated voicemail. A series of Focus Groups, briefings and presentations are scheduled throughout January at a range of locations as follows:

Deafblind Conference Centre, John and Lucille van Geest Place, Cygnet Road, Hampton, Peterborough

- Friday 11 January 10am to 12noon
- Friday 11 January 1pm to 3pm
- Tuesday 15 January 7pm to 9pm
- Friday 18 January 1pm to 3pm
- Thursday 24 January 7pm to 9pm
- Friday 25 January 10am to 12noon

Westgate Church, 68/70 Westgate, Peterborough

- Tuesday 29 January 2pm to 4pm
- Thursday 31 January 2pm to 4pm

The briefing paper and questionnaire on the proposed changes are attached as appendix 2.

7.3

The consultation was extended and additional venues added following representations from partner agencies.

## 8. **NEXT STEPS**

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The outcome of the consultation process will be reported to Cabinet in late February and if approved will be included within the Adult Social Care budget proposals recommended to Council.

If approved the changes will be implemented from April 2013.

## 9. **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

9.1

- DH White Paper: Caring for Our Future Reforming Care and Support July 2012-11-16.
- Fair Access to Care Services (FACS) Assessment Criteria among Local Authorities in England.
- DH Guidance on Eligibility Criteria for Adult Social Care 2012.
- PCC Medium Term Financial Strategy and Plan to 2015/16.

## 10. **APPENDICES**

10.1

- Cabinet Report "Consultation on Proposed Changes to Eligibility Criteria and Charges for Adult Social Care, 10 December 2012 – Appendix 1
- Briefing paper and questionnaire on the proposed changes to Peterborough City Council's Eligibility Criteria and Charges for Adult Social Care. – Appendix 2