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Report of the Director of Adult Social Services

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GREEN PAPER ON FUNDING ADULT SOCIAL CARE – "SHAPING THE FUTURE OF CARE TOGETHER"

1. **PURPOSE**

   The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the adult social care Green Paper to the Scrutiny Commission, to outline proposed local consultation and to invite the Commission's comments and contributions into the local response.

2. **LINKS TO CORPORATE PLAN, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT**

   Adult Social Services is a statutory function of the City Council and is reflected in the Sustainable Community Strategy/Corporate Plan through priorities around creating opportunities and tackling inequalities, promoting independence, choice and control and supporting and safeguarding the most vulnerable in our communities. The Local Area Agreement contains a number of targets which support these priorities.

3. **SUMMARY OF THE GREEN PAPER**

   A short summary of the Green Paper is attached.

4. **EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

   The Scrutiny Commission is asked to contribute to "the Big Care Debate" intended to be an inclusive and far reaching public debate on how to fund care costs in the future.

5. **NEXT STEPS**

5.1 Consultation with other forums in Peterborough will take place over the next two months. This will include:

   - The NHS Peterborough Board (November public meeting)
   - The NHS Peterborough Annual General Meeting in September
   - Partnership Boards and Forums
   - Bi-annual carers' event in September
   - Sessions with older people hosted by Age Concern Peterborough

5.2 We are also exploring using the Primary Care Trust and City Council websites to collect views.

10. **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**
   Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

   "Shaping the Future of Care Together", HM Government, July 2009

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