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Report of the Executive Director of Adult Social Services

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HEALTH WHITE PAPER – EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE: LIBERATING THE NHS

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to inform the Commission that a presentation will be given on the Health White Paper – Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS in order to provide the Commission with an overview of the consultation on proposals and to receive any comments which the Commission may wish to feed into the City Council’s response to the White Paper consultation.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To consider the presentation and to provide comments for inclusion in the City Council’s response to the White Paper consultation where necessary.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Government published its Health White Paper – Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS on 12 July 2010.
- 3.2 The White Paper sets out the Government's long-term vision for the future of the NHS. The vision builds on the core values and principles of the NHS - a comprehensive service, available to all, free at the point of use, based on need, not ability to pay.
- 3.3 It sets out how the Government will:
- put patients at the heart of everything the NHS does;
 - focus on continuously improving those things that really matter to patients - the outcome of their healthcare; and
 - empower and liberate clinicians to innovate, with the freedom to focus on improving healthcare services

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The Liberating the NHS: Local Democratic Legitimacy in Health executive summary is attached at Appendix 1 for information.

5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

- 5.1 None

6. APPENDICES

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – Liberating the NHS: Local Democratic Legitimacy in Health executive summary.

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