
Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

1st December 2010

Report of the Assistant Director – Legal, Governance & ITT

Carer's Review – Remit, Scope & Timetable

Summary

1. This report asks Members to approve the remit, scope and timetable for the Carer's Review (Paragraph 3 and Annex A of this report refer).

Background

2. At a meeting of the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee in November 2010 Members were presented with a report that asked them to consider whether to undertake a review in relation to carers. The Committee were presented with an outline approach for the proposed scrutiny review and on consideration of this information decided to progress the topic to review.
3. It was agreed that a small cross-party task group would undertake the bulk of the work involved. At the first meeting of the task group they set the following remit to work to:

Aim

To promote the valuable work done by carers and to improve the way City of York Council and its key partners identify carers and ensure they have access to information and the support available.

Key Objectives

- i. To raise awareness of carers
- ii. To improve access to information for carers
4. In addition to the above remit the task group scoped and timetabled the review and this is attached at Annex A to this report.

Consultation

5. To date consultation has taken place between the Task Group and the relevant Council officers. The scope and timetable at Annex A to this report suggests that others are consulted as part of the review. This will include relevant officers, members of the public and the voluntary sector.

Options

6. Members have the following options:
 - i. Approve and or amend the remit suggested by the task group (paragraph 3 of this report refers)
 - ii. Approve and or amend the scope and timetable at Annex A to this report

Analysis

7. At an informal meeting held on 11th November the task group, with support from the relevant Council officers, decided upon the above remit and attached scope and timetable. The task group received a short presentation from the Carer's Strategy Manager, which gave them background information and enabled them to set the context for the review.
8. The task group quickly realised that the subject of carers was vast and decided to narrow the review and focus on improving ways of identifying carers along with the provision of and access to information for them.

Corporate Priorities

9. The proposed topic is linked to the 'Healthy City' aspect of the Corporate Strategy 2009/2012.

Implications

10. **Financial** – There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations in this report however implications may arise as the review progresses and these will be addressed accordingly. There is a small budget of £500 allocated to any scrutiny review that is undertaken.
11. **Human Resources** – There are no Human Resources implications associated with the recommendation within this report, however implications may arise as the review progresses.
12. **Legal** – There are no known legal implications associated with the recommendations within this report however, implications may arise as the review progresses.
13. There are no known implications associated with the recommendations within this report.

Risk Management

14. There are currently no risks associated with the review and none associated with the recommendations within this report.

Recommendations

15. Members are asked to approve the remit (paragraph 3 refers) and the scope and timetable at Annex A to this report.

Reason: In order to progress this review topic.

Contact Details

Author:

Tracy Wallis
Scrutiny Officer
Scrutiny Services
Tel: 01904 551714

Chief Officer Responsible for the report:

Andrew Docherty
Assistant Director Legal, Governance & ITT

Report Approved

Date 19.11.2010

Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

Report to Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 03.11.2010

Annexes

Annex A Scope & timetable for the review