

## **Be Independent Community Equipment and Response Service**

### **Summary**

1. This report presents Members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with information (Annex A) about how Be Independent is developing new ways of delivering services in York.

### **Background**

2. In early 2013 two City of York Council services – Warden Call and Community Equipment Loan – were allowed to form a Community Interest Company to secure the future of both services. As a result Be Independent, as an independent social enterprise, will provide a service for both statutory agencies and the public through the provision of community equipment loan and telecare services. Be Independent is a staff led organisation; a form of social enterprise where any profits made by the service is reinvested back into the service.

### **Consultation**

3. The information contained in Annex A has been provided by the Chief Executive of Be Independent, who will be at the meeting to answer any questions.

### **Options**

4. There are no specific options for the Committee to consider, however Members are asked to note the information included in this report and its annex and make any comment they feel necessary.

### **Analysis**

5. Not Applicable.

## Council Plan

6. This report is directly linked to the “Protect the Vulnerable” element of the Council Plan 2011-2015.

## Implications

7. There are no implications arising directly from this report although, in regard to equalities, there is a need to ensure that those using the services provided by Be Independent are treated with respect and dignity and there is adequate provision to meet their needs.

## Risk Management

8. There are no risks associated directly with this report.

## Recommendations

Members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to note and comment on the content of this report and its annex.

Reason: To keep Members informed of developments associated with Be Independent.

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## Annex

Annex A – Be Independent report.

## **Abbreviations used in this report and its annexes**

CELTAS – Community Equipment Loan and Telecare Services

CIC – Community Interest Company

CYC – City of York Council