

Briefing note

8^{^{III} October 2013}

To: Cabinet

Subject:

Caring for Our Future on What and How People Pay for their Care and Support – Consultation Response: Comments from consideration by the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5) on 25th September 2013.

1 Purpose of the Note

1.1 To inform Cabinet of the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5)'s recommendations following their consideration of Caring for our Future on Reforming What and How People Pay for their Care and Support – Consultation Response on 25th September 2013.

2 Recommendations

2.1 (a) Cabinet are asked to consider and decide whether to agree the following recommendations of the Scrutiny Board:
That the Scrutiny Board supports the Consultation Response included in the Report.

(b) Cabinet are asked to note the issues raised by the Scrutiny Board: That following some discussion related to the circumstances in which Adult Social Care clients may be required to make payments for their care a briefing is to be arranged for Members to enable them to better understand the details of this process.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Board considered the report of the Assistant Director Policy, Performance and Health into the recent policy document setting out current Government thinking on the funding for care and support.
- 3.2 The Board recognised that this is a complex area and one in which the City Council will be required to respond to important national policy debates in this area.
- 3.3 The Board considered the draft Consultation Response prepared by officers and added their endorsement.
- 3.4 Members reflected on some of the many misconceptions which surround adults receiving care and support services and the circumstances in which they are required to make contributions, particularly with regards to circumstances in which property assets are considered as chargeable. In discussion it was suggested that a short session be arranged to enable officers currently involved in this process to brief Members and give more detail on local implementation of national policy.

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