



To: Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5)

Date: 18th December 2013

Subject: A Bolder Community Services (ABCS) Report on outcome of consultation

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 This Note provides Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5) with an overview of the broad themes emerging from the A Bolder Community Services (ABCS) Programme consultation. Any proposed changes to the original proposals will be presented at the meeting on 18th December 2013.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5) to note the outcome of the consultation process and make any recommendations to be considered by Cabinet at the Cabinet meeting on 7th January 2013.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 On 6th November 2013, Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5) considered and noted the interim ABCS Programme Consultation report. At this meeting, Members requested that the outcome of the consultation be brought to a future meeting, before a Report including final recommendations was taken to Cabinet.
- 3.2 The ABCS consultation process commenced on 27th August 2013 and ended on 15th November 2013. During the consultation, approximately:
- 90 consultation meetings took place,
 - 1,100 people were spoken to,
 - 536 on-line responses were recorded,
 - 8,500 people were directly contacted and;
 - ABCS webpages were accessed on more than 2,000 occasions.
- 3.3 Broad themes emerging from the consultation include the:
- potential impact on families and carers;
 - potential impact of implementation on other organisations;
 - need to vary implementation timescales because of the size and scale of the ABCS programme;
 - impact on City Council jobs and;
 - people recognising that although the proposals will not impact on them now, they may impact on them in the future.
- 3.4 The Equality Consultation Analysis documents are being further developed following the consultation in order to fully understand the potential impact of implementation and to ensure where possible, actions to mitigate the impact are put into place. These documents will also confirm where impacts cannot be mitigated.

- 3.5 In response to the consultation, consideration will be given as to whether proposals should be varied. Final proposals will be shared with members of Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5) at the meeting on 18th December 2013.
- 3.6 The Cabinet Report on “A Bolder Community Services – outcome of consultation on service changes” will be presented to Cabinet on 7th January 2014. Cabinet papers will be in the public domain on 23rd December 2013.

4. List of appendices included

None

5. Other useful background papers

- A Bolder Community Services (ABCS) Interim Consultation Report, October 2013
- Community Services – consultation on service changes, Cabinet Report, 13th August 2013

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