



To: Cabinet

7th January 2014

Subject:

Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5) consideration of A Bolder Community Services – Outcome of Consultation on Service Changes.

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 This briefing note is intended to provide Cabinet with the outcomes of consideration by the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board of the A Bolder Community Services consultation and proposals.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Cabinet are recommended to note the Scrutiny Board's support for the proposals developed following the recent public consultation.
- 2.2 Cabinet are further requested to note that the Scrutiny Board has requested further reports from the Assistant Director (Commissioning and Transformation) on the development of a Reablement Strategy and the implementation of the proposals outlined in the Cabinet Report.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Board considered a detailed presentation on the A Bolder Community Services proposals at Board's 6th November meeting. At this meeting the Board requested a briefing on the results of the consultation and on the conclusions drawn from it.
- 3.2 This briefing was presented to the Board on 18th December. Members were advised of the breadth of the consultation exercise undertaken, the numbers and type of responses received and on the revised proposals and implications for staff and service users emanating from these proposals.
- 3.3 In general terms the Board was pleased with the consultation undertaken and the efforts that officers had gone to consult widely and with a large variety of different groups and localities.
- 3.4 The Board raised a number of issues with officers including the impact of funding reductions to voluntary organisations as well as arrangements which would be made for supporting service users affected by any of the changes proposed. The Board also noted that there were a number of significant changes to the original proposals which reflected the manner in which consultation responses had been considered. These changes included plans for the Council to develop a Reablement Strategy in partnership with Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group. In the meantime, health partners have agreed to fund the Aylesford for a period of 6 months from 1st April 2014 to allow time for the strategy to be developed. Due to the significance of this for the health and social care economy Members requested a further report outlining plans for integrated reablement provision to be presented to a future meeting.

- 3.5 Finally the Board noted that the plans for service changes were to be implemented over a period between April and July 2014. Recognising the importance of these changes being made in a planned and measured way the Board requested an implementation update to be provided to a future meeting (provisionally April 2014).

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