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**To: Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5)**

**Date: 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Subject: Adult Social Care Reforms**

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## **1 Purpose of the Note**

- 1.1 To introduce to the Board the series of adult social care reforms which are to be implemented over 2022 and 2023 (based on current published timescales) as a result of the introduction of new government policy and legislation.
- 1.2 The engagement and involvement of SB5 in supporting the preparation for this raft of reforms can have a significant contribution to the success of their implementation.
- 1.3 This note provides summary information only and is accompanied by a presentation included at Appendix 1.

## **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5) are recommended to:
  - 1) Consider the content of the presentation attached at *Appendix 1*
  - 2) Identify any areas the Board would like to consider in more detail for the work programme

## **3 Information/Background**

- 3.1 At the beginning of the municipal year, each scrutiny board makes suggestions for items to be added to the work programme.
- 3.2 Appendix 1 provides a presentation containing information on the range of reforms to Adult Social Care which are to be implemented over 2022 and 2023. These reforms include:
- 3.3 Moving towards a Fair Cost of Care (FCoC): By October 2022 the City Council is required to complete an FCoC exercise related to home support and residential care for people aged 65 and over. As well as the completion of the financial tools the Council is required to produce a provisional Market Sustainability Plan with a final plan required by February 2023.
- 3.4 Introduction of the care cap: From October 2023 an £86k “cap” on the maximum individuals (anyone over 18) will pay for their care during their lifetime is due to be introduced. This will have a significant impact on charging for social care as well as the monitoring of contributions made by individuals as they progress towards reaching the “cap”.
- 3.5 Changing contribution thresholds: From October 2023 the upper capital asset threshold will increase from £23,250 to £100,000; with the lower threshold increasing from £14,250 to £20,000. This will have a significant impact on charging for social care.

- 3.6 Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS): LPS will replace the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) and the Court of Protection, as the vehicles for authorising Deprivations of Liberty under the Mental Capacity Act (2005) for people aged 16 or above. No specific date for implementation has been confirmed
- 3.7 Care Quality Commission (CQC) oversight of Adult Social Care: From April 2023 CQC will commence oversight of Adult Social Care. The content and requirements of this process is not yet known but is likely to cover four areas of:
- i) **Working with people** - assessing needs (including unpaid carers), supporting people to live healthier lives, prevention, well-being, information and advice
  - ii) **Providing support** - markets (including commissioning), workforce equality, integration and partnership working
  - iii) **Ensuring safety** - safeguarding, safe systems and continuity of care
  - iv) **Leadership and workforce** - capable and compassionate leaders, learning, improvement, innovation
- 3.8 Alongside these five major areas of reforms there is other work including the transformation of Mental health, improvements to Urgent Care and Frailty and revised Discharge processes alongside revisions to the Mental Health Act.
- 3.9 The input of Scrutiny Board 5 can play an important role in supporting Adult Social Care to prepare for these reforms over the next two years. A particular area where SB5 can start to have an immediate contribution is in respect of preparation for CQC oversight and the review of i) how we oversee quality within commissioned support, ii) how risk is managed when people approach the city council for support iii) how effective our safeguarding procedures are, and iv) how we monitor the customer experience and take feedback from this to improve.
- 3.10 Members of the Board are invited to consider their input to preparation for reforms with a particular focus on preparation for CQC oversight.

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Appendix One: Accompanying presentation