

HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 10TH JULY 2012

**SUBJECT: UPDATE REPORT - TASK AND FINISH GROUP NON-RESIDENTIAL
SOCIAL SERVICES CHARGING**

REPORT BY: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members on the current position of the Task and Finish Group and seek views on the membership.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee established a task and finish group to examine charging for non-residential social services and make recommendations. This report gives an update on the progress and suggests that the review group be reconstituted.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The operation of scrutiny is required by the Local Government Act 2000 and subsequent Assembly legislation.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee established a Task and Finish Group to examine charging for non-residential social services and consider the implementation of the Social Care Charges (Wales) Measure 2010.
- 4.2 This Task and Finish Group started the review on 9th May 2011 and met on 4 occasions to consider reports and hear evidence. In addition Members sought views of services users, using different methods of consultation.
- 4.3 The Task and Finish Group considered the responses received from the consultation but agreed that there were not enough responses to allow them to make an informed decision. It was decided to carry out further consultation through a call for evidence. This required significant planning and unfortunately clashed with the run up to the elections and consultation for the Housing Stock Transfer proposal. It was therefore felt that in order to ensure the consultation received the maximum level of responses that it be delayed until after the local government elections.
- 4.4 Following the local government elections there have been significant changes to the membership of the Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee. Therefore the views of the Scrutiny Committee to reconstitute the group with new members are sought .

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report is for information purposes, so the Council's Eqla process does not need to be applied.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no financial implications in this report.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no personnel implications in this report.

8. CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 There are no consultation responses that have not been contained in this report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 That the Scrutiny Committee reconstitutes the membership of the task and finish group.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 To complete the review of non-residential social services charging.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

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