

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account

Scrutiny Monitoring – 13th August 2015

Date	Portfolio	Title	Action proposed	Action Taken	Progress Status
11/06	Health & Adult Social Care	Update on the closure of Woodside Lodge and the restructure of Day and Respite Services	<p>That an audit trail detailing advice from the Director of People to the Leader / Cabinet Member relating to the timings of assessments and the decision making process is circulated to the Committee.</p> <p>Following consideration of the Executive's response to the OSMC recommendation the Committee, at the 9th July meeting, recommended the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That clarification is provided regarding what advice outlined in the adjacent column is accurate advice and what advice is inaccurate. 	<p>The original Cabinet reports authorised by the former Director or People contain the following advice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessments of need will be carried out ... and the options for future care and support will be considered • The Council has a number of statutory duties and powers to individuals under various pieces of legislation to assess individual needs and then to provide appropriate care, support and accommodation for the eligible [social care] needs • When carrying out a new assessment or when re-assessing individuals, the needs assessment must be carried out in line with the Care Act 2014. <p>The former Director of People advised during the scrutiny meeting prior to the Cabinet decisions, and at the scrutiny meeting when the decisions had been called in, that these assessments could be carried out after any decision to close services had been made.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care confirms that the advice he received stated that any alternative provision would be identified following an assessment process and that this exercise would commence as soon as a decision had been reached by Cabinet.</p>	A response will be provided to the Committee prior to 13 th August meeting.

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				Following the Cabinet in December, the Leader was able to clarify that no facility would close until after the necessary assessments had been completed even if this process might take slightly longer to achieve than had been anticipated initially at the time of the Council's revised budget forecast in July.	
11/06	Health & Adult Social Care	Update on the closure of Woodside Lodge and the restructure of Day and Respite Services	<p>That the Leader honours the financial commitment made to Woodside Lodge residents that there would be no additional costs to clients as a result of the closure.</p> <p>Following consideration of the Executive's response to the OSMC recommendation the Committee, at the 9th July meeting, recommended the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the OSMC are informed if any additional costs are occurred by the remaining Woodside Lodge clients. 	<p>Social workers are continuing to work with the remaining four residents of Woodside Lodge and their families and suitable alternative placements have now been identified, at no additional cost to clients.</p>	<p>A response will be provided to the Committee prior to 13th August meeting.</p>
			<p>That a briefing paper on the proposals for the new facility to be developed on the grounds of Woodside Lodge is circulated to the OSMC.</p> <p>Following consideration of the Executive's response to the OSMC recommendation the Committee, at the 9th July meeting, recommended the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That a timescale is identified for the requested report. 	Report to be circulated when proposals have been finalised.	A response will be provided to the Committee prior to 13 th August meeting.