

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee **Adult And Community Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

Date of Committee **14 March 2007**

Report Title **Joint Review with Coventry City Council - Joint Commissioning of Adult Social Care and Health Services**

Summary This report seeks support to establish a task and finish group to consider health and social care commissioning and service provision in Coventry and Warwickshire

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? No.

Background papers None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) N/A
- Other Elected Members Cllr McCarney, Cllr Randev, Cllr Compton, Cllr Dodd, Cllr Roodhouse
- Cabinet Member Cllr Hayfield
- Chief Executive
- Legal Sarah Duxbury
- Finance
- Other Chief Officers Graeme Betts.....
- District Councils

- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION NO

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee Adult & Community Services OSC May 2007 regarding nominations to any joint working group
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

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Report of the Strategic Director of Performance & Development

Recommendation

That the Committee is recommended to:

- agree to the establishment of a time-limited Coventry and Warwickshire overview and scrutiny working group to consider the arrangements for health and social care commissioning across the county and city
- seek nominations for four councillors from each local authority (drawn from their appropriate overview and scrutiny committees) to form the working group at the appropriate time
- invite the appropriate cabinet members to attend meetings of the working group as observers

1 Introduction

As identified by the Coventry and Warwickshire Acute Services Review, health and social care commissioning and service provision in Coventry and Warwickshire is becoming increasingly interlinked.

The requirement to commission and configure services in a way that meets the needs of Warwickshire and Coventry residents has led to the creation of a number of NHS organisations and bodies that will work across the county/city boundary:

- Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Partnership Trust (a provider trust for mental health services)
- The Coventry and Warwickshire Joint Commissioning Board (which will combine the acute sector commissioning activity of Warwickshire PCT and Coventry Teaching PCT)
- The Provider Strategy Board (a board, with a Chief Executive and Chairman, that will seek to co-ordinate and drive forward service improvement at South Warwickshire Hospitals NHS Trust, George Eliot Hospital NHS Trust and University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust)

- The Warwickshire and Coventry "Local Delivery Unit" of West Midlands Ambulance Service

2 The Proposal

With the increase in the number of bodies working across the city/county boundary it is important to understand how commissioning arrangements work, their governance arrangements and how the interests of residents of Coventry and Warwickshire with their discrete needs are met. An informal joint working party, made up of councillors from both local authorities, would seem an appropriate first step.

Four councillors from each local authority would seem enough to be representative without being unwieldy.

The working group would be time-limited (a task and finish group), with a first meeting in June 2007. Final membership could not be confirmed until after the annual general meeting in Warwickshire, and the local authority elections in Coventry.

Executive members would be invited to attend as observers.

Draft terms of reference for the working group, to be confirmed at its first meeting, would be as follows:

"The working group shall consider:

- The arrangements for health and social care commissioning and service provision affecting both the residents of Coventry and Warwickshire and
- The governance arrangements and respective roles of in particular of the following bodies relating to the commissioning and provision of social care and health services
 - o Coventry and Warwickshire Joint Commissioning Board,
 - o Coventry and Warwickshire Provider Strategy Board,
 - o Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Partnership Trust,
 - o Warwickshire and Coventry "local delivery unit" of West Midlands Ambulance Service"

The working group on completion of its enquiries will report to the appropriate overview and scrutiny committees in both Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council.

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