

Request for Scrutiny Work Programme Item

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| 1 | Title of Work Programme Item | Carers |
| 2 | Responsible Director (s) | Director for Community Services, Carole Burgoyne |
| 3 | Responsible Officer | Pam Marsden Assistant Director for Community Services (Adult Social Care) |
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| 4 | Aim | To ensure Plymouth City Council is consulting appropriately on the revised Carers Strategy and producing an improvement action plan that will increase the number of carers supported in the city. |
| 5 | Objectives | <p>To review the Carers Strategy against the Government's short-term agenda and long-term vision for the future care and support of carers</p> <p>To examine the changes made to the Carers Strategy to ensure that policy adequately cover the needs of carers.</p> <p>To ascertain Carers who are entitled to request (at the time the person they care for is being assessed for community care services), an assessment of their ability to care receive that assessment and subsequent review promptly.</p> <p>To ascertain what information is available to carers.</p> <p>To ascertain how carers of people with dementia are supported.</p> <p>To assess the effectiveness and efficiency of breaks to carers.</p> <p>To consider what can be done to improve support for carers.</p> |
| | Benefits | The review will raise awareness across the community as to whether the Carers Strategy will deliver the improvement in carers services. |
| | Beneficiaries | Carers in the city of Plymouth Clients with carers Plymouth City Council and its Partners |

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| 6 | Criteria for Choosing Topics | <p>B = Area of potential risk i.e. corporate responsibility</p> <p>C = Issue of service users, public concern and interest, service delivery i.e. Interest of the public</p> <p>D = level of impact, i.e. impact for specific communities (vulnerable)</p> | | |
| 7 | Scope | <p>Definition. An individual who provides or intends to provide a substantial amount of care on a regular basis as defined by the <i>Carers (Recognition and Services) Act 1995</i></p> <p>Local authorities are required to take into account the results of an assessment in making decisions about the type and level of community care services to be provided to the person receiving care. The assessment under the 1995 Act is of the carer's ability to provide care and of his or her ability to sustain the care that he or she has been providing. The 1995 Act applies to carers of all ages.</p> | | |
| | Exclusions | None identified | | |
| 8 | Programme Dates | | | |
| | Timescales and Interdependices | Milestones | Target Date for Achievement | Responsible Officer |
| | | TBA | | |
| 9 | Links to other projects or initiatives / plans | The Carers Strategy links closely to the National Dementia Strategy and the local strategy, currently out for consultation . | | |
| 10 | Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel | None | | |
| 11 | Lead Officer for Panel | Julia Penfound Plymouth City Council | | |
| 12 | Reporting arrangements | Health OSP - Overview and Scrutiny Commission - Cabinet - | | |
| 13 | Resources | Staff time | | |
| 14 | Budget implications | TBC | | |
| 15 | Risk analysis | Not proceeding with this review would mean that the issues relating to Carers and services they receive would not be so quickly raised. | | |
| 16 | Project Plan / Actions | Project plan to be prepared by panel | | |