

Report to: **Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee**

Date: **13 June 2006**

By: **Director of Adult Social Care**

Title of report: **Adult Social Care Three Year Plan**

Purpose of report: **To bring to the committee's attention the Adult Social Care Three Year Plan and policy, resource and performance commitments to 2008/09, which will have been considered by Cabinet on 6 June 2006**

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Scrutiny Committee are recommended to note the content of the Three Year Plan (Executive Summary attached at Appendix 1)

1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 The report sets out the proposed strategic financial framework for Adult Social Care for the three years 2007/08 to 2009/10.

1.2 The detailed financial choices and the actions required to deliver the objectives of the Plan will be agreed through the Reconciling Policy and Resources process each year.

2. Background and Supporting Information

2.1 The Plan sets out the following:

- a A framework for development of service and budget plans in future years;
- b Priorities for the County Council, and those agreed through strategic planning processes with key partners;
- c The level of investment available over the next three years;
- d The strategic priorities set by Government, most recently in the White Paper '*Our Health, Our Care, Our Say*';
- e Key areas where Adult Social Care needs to improve performance;

2.2 The Plan has been subject to consultation with key stakeholders. Further consultation will take place with partners to develop the service and budget plans for 2007/08 and beyond through the process of Reconciling Policy and Resources.

2.3 The Plan proposes a coherent strategic direction for all those involved in the delivery of Adult Social Care. It sets out a clear explanation of how this relates to the local and national policy and addresses the challenges we face in East Sussex. The Plan provides the framework within which we can engage partners more effectively and work with them constructively to manage the difficult choices we will face in the future.

2.4 The key points within the Plan are highlighted within the Executive Summary. Section 3 sets out in more detail planned improvements to performance. The Plan identifies a projected gap each year between demand and available resources despite the continued significant increase in funding agreed by the County Council. This will be addressed in consultation with partners but it is

essential that at the core is improved productivity. This will be achieved through reviews of directly provided services, procurement and commissioning. Choices will also, however, have to be made about priorities for services, including preventative care, and how eligibility for services will be managed.

2.5 An Equality Impact Assessment is integral to the development of the Plan, ensuring the needs of minority groups are fully considered. A period of consultation, required by the voluntary sector Compact, will be undertaken and will be inclusive of a full range of organisations from minority groups.

3. Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 The Scrutiny Committee are recommended to note the content of the Adult Social Care Three Year Plan, which will provide an opportunity to adopt a longer term approach to planning, by linking information on existing service use and costs to predict demand, based on demographic data, to project future need and plan services accordingly.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS - None