

Report to: Cabinet

Date of meeting: 23 April 2019

By: Assistant Chief Executive

Title: Scrutiny Review of the Changing Care Market: Information and Signposting

Purpose: To provide an opportunity for the Cabinet to consider the report of the People Scrutiny Committee.

RECOMMENDATION:

To consider any comments the Cabinet wishes to make to the County Council on the report of the People Scrutiny Committee.

1 Background

1.1 In June 2018 the People Scrutiny Committee established a Scoping Board to look into the range of challenges facing the local care market. Some of these were highlighted in the 2018 Care Quality Commission Local Area Review of East Sussex; others are well known locally and nationally and are linked to increased demand for services and resources which are declining in relative terms.

1.2 The Scoping Board identified four key areas for further scrutiny:

- Public understanding and expectations of social care
- Social care workforce challenges
- Developing care markets
- Increasing community resilience, in particular addressing loneliness.

1.3 The Changing Care Market: Information and Signposting Scrutiny Review addressed the first of these areas (public understanding and expectations of social care) and is expected to be the first in a series of reviews by the Committee covering the areas identified above.

2 Supporting information

2.1 The People Scrutiny Committee has completed its review of the Changing Care Market: Information and Signposting. A copy of the report is attached at appendix 1.

2.2 The Review Board recognised that many public perception issues related to social care are national ones which are difficult to address at an East Sussex level. The Board therefore focused on developing recommendations which are realistically achievable within the Council's sphere of influence and available resources.

2.3 The Committee's report will be submitted to the County Council on 14 May 2019. The Cabinet has the opportunity to comment to the County Council on the recommendations in the Scrutiny Committee's report, although it cannot alter the report.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1 Cabinet is invited to consider any comments it wishes to make to the County Council on the report of the People Scrutiny Committee.

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