



**AGENDA ITEM: 14 (f)**

## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**6 APRIL 2010**

### **SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL - PROGRESS REPORT**

#### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To provide members of the Overview & Scrutiny Board (OSB) with an update on the work of the Social Care & Adult Services Scrutiny Panel.

#### **BACKGROUND**

2. The Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel last met on 17 March 2010, where it considered its draft final report on the Blue Badge Parking Scheme in Middlesbrough and agreed the terms of reference for the panel's review of Personal Budgets.
3. In respect of the draft final report on the Blue Badge Parking Scheme the panel agreed the conclusions and recommendations and the report has been submitted to OSB for approval.
4. With regard to the panel's next review topic of Personal Budgets Members agreed the terms of reference which are as follows:
  - (a) To examine how the introduction of personal budgets will impact on in house and commissioned services.
  - (b) To consider what systems are in place to address risk to individuals who are managing personal budgets.
  - (c) To consider examples of good practice and how the views of service users and their carers who are currently in receipt of a personal budget have been used to develop the system.

- (d) To examine the forms of information, advocacy and brokerage that will be offered to support individuals in commissioning their own care.
  - (e) To consider who the Council's key partners are in delivering personal budgets and how they work with the Council.
5. The panel will continue with their evidence gathering at their next meeting, which is scheduled for 8 April 2010 to address the first terms of reference above. At this meeting Members will receive evidence from the Head of Planning and Performance, the Commissioning Plan Service Manager and a representative from the Voluntary and Community Sector.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

6. That the Overview & Scrutiny Board notes the progress of the Social Care & Adult Services Scrutiny Panel.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7. No background papers were used in preparing this report.

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