

## **NUTRITION IN CARE HOMES TASK AND FINISH REVIEW GROUP**

**1<sup>st</sup> May, 2013**

**PRESENT** – Councillor Thistlethwaite (in the Chair); Councillors D. Jones and S. Richmond.

**Nutrition in Care Homes** – The Group met to consider the feedback from the second unannounced visits which had taken place to a number of care homes within the Borough who were currently contracting with the Council.

Discussion ensued on some of the issues which had been highlighted previously and it was reported that of those care homes which had been included on the second visits, there were no major issues arising and some of the areas of concern appeared to have been resolved.

Discussion ensued on a number of specific areas from each of the homes visited and the Officers updated Members on the current position in relation to Lakeside.

It was reported that, as Members were satisfied with their findings, a final report on the work of this Task and Finish Review Group would now be compiled and circulated to Members for approval prior to submission to the Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee.

**IT WAS AGREED** – (a) That the thanks of this Task and Finish Review Group be conveyed to the Assistant Director – Adult Social Care and all the staff within the Contracts Team for the support and advice given during this investigation.

(b) That the thanks of this Task and Finish Review Group be conveyed to Rachel Masters, Senior Specialist, Focus on Under-nutrition Dietician for her initial involvement and presentation which gave Members the background to enable them to undertake the investigation.

(c) That this Task and Finish Review Group is re-assured that Focus on Under-nutrition is involved with the care homes currently contracting with this Council and is actively involved in monitoring and giving advice and training to their staff on nutrition and hydration.

(d) That this Task and Finish Review Group is confident that there is sufficient evidence to ensure that the Quality Standards in relation to nutrition and hydration within care homes are being met and that any issues which might occur in the future would be dealt with promptly and efficiently by Officers within the Contracts Team.