## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

-Title: Nutrition in Care Homes

Start Date: November 2012 End Date:

**Scrutiny:** Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee

PURPOSE/AIM	RESOURCE
To provide Members with an overview of nutrition in care homes and to be informed of Darlington Borough Council's responsibility in relation to service users placements.	Democratic Services Pauline Mitchel – Assistant Director, Adult Social Care and Housing Yvonne Hall – Service Manager Angela Coates – Senior Contracts Officer
PROCESS	OUTCOME
<ol> <li>To receive a presentation/overview on the background of care home provision in Darlington and contractual relationship between providers and Darlington Borough Council.</li> <li>To receive information on the Quality Strategy and monitoring processes in relation to nutrition currently in place and the planned changes to those.</li> <li>To be informed of the 'Focus on Undernutrition' programme.</li> <li>To be informed of the strategic partnership approach to identify and treat undernutrition in care homes.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>To gain an understanding of Darlington Borough Council's role and responsibility in relation to service users placements within care homes.</li> <li>To have an awareness of the processes involved in managing nutrition within care homes.</li> <li>To ensure that Darlington Borough Council's processes in managing and monitoring nutrition continue to improve the quality of life of those placed in care homes.</li> <li>To be aware of any areas of concern in relation to nutrition within care homes.</li> <li>To consider whether any further scrutiny or detailed work is required.</li> <li>To feed back any views/recommendations of Scrutiny to officers in relation to nutrition within care homes to help improve the quality of life of service users and also prevent or combat health problems.</li> </ol>

COUNCILLOR	CHAIR
(TO BE SIGNED BY MEMBER OR SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REQUESTING TOPIC)	(TO BE SIGNED BY CHAIR OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE)