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**OVERVIEW OF ADULT SERVICES PORTFOLIO**

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1. This is my first portfolio overview report since being appointed to the Cabinet as Lead Member for adult services on 19th May 2005.
2. My portfolio covers the provision of social services to adults and older people in the Borough, and in order to familiarise myself with this service area, I will be embarking upon a period of induction. This will include visits to establishments to meet with staff and service users, introductory meetings with managers and staff within the adult social services and housing department to increase my knowledge of this area, and the introduction of regular briefings with senior managers.
3. I have already met with the two responsible Directors, and two of the key managers in adult social care and housing on 17th May 2005, and made arrangements for introductions to teams and services for the week commencing 23rd May 2005.
4. I am delighted to have been appointed to the Cabinet and will update Members on my new role and service developments at future Council meetings.

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Cabinet Member for Adult Services**