

## **ADULTS AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

15<sup>th</sup> January, 2015

**PRESENT** – Councillor Thistlethwaite (in the Chair); Councillors Culley, Harman, Knowles, Lister and S. Richmond (6)

**APOLOGIES** – Councillors Hutchinson, D. Jones, Kelley and York (4)

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE –**

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE** – Sharon Raine, Head of Organisational Planning and Debbie Spence, Business Manager, Organisational Planning.

**AH32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

**AH33- MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2015/16 TO 2019/20** – Pursuant to Minute AH28/Dec/14, the Scrutiny Committee met to give further consideration to Cabinet’s proposals in relation to the Medium-Term Financial Plan 2015/16 to 2019/20.

Discussion ensued on the potential pressures following the impending implementation of the Care Act 2014, particularly in relation to the Care Cap and the uncertainty about what that cap would be for someone aged between 18 and pensionable age who was assessed as having eligible needs and the subsequent unknown burden of that on the Authority.

Particular reference was also made to the National Communications Strategy which was due to commence in relation to the Act and to the Regional leaflet drop which was scheduled to take place at the end of February, 2015. It was reported, however, that Darlington would not be eligible for the leaflet drop as the areas which had been identified as eligible were those which had the highest index of Department of Health and Public Health England’s target audiences and Darlington had a lower proportion of that audience in comparison with other areas in the Region.

It was reported that an update on the current position on that Act would be submitted to the next ordinary meeting of this Scrutiny Committee scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015.

**RESOLVED** – That, having considered the information provided at this meeting and the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2014, the Efficiency and Resources Scrutiny Committee be advised that this Scrutiny Committee is satisfied with the overall direction of travel, as contained within the Medium-Term Financial Plan 2015/16 to 2019/20, and will continue to monitor the progress of delivery in relation to those areas within its remit.

**AH34. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK** – Pursuant to Minute AH27/Dec/14, further consideration was given to the performance management

information within the organisation for the first two quarters of the year, specifically in relation to Adult Social Care.

The Head of Organisational Planning reported that further work was still required on a value for money assessment methodology for inclusion in the performance clinic template, which would be carried out over the coming year for the 2015/16 performance clinics.

Particular reference was made to the indicators in relation to the RIACT service and following a number of questions by Members, it was suggested that more detailed information be submitted to the next ordinary meeting of this Scrutiny Committee scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 to enable Members to more fully understand the trend in relation to that area.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted and that the Officers be requested to submit a further report to the next ordinary meeting of this Scrutiny Committee scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015, in relation to the RIACT service.