



meeting	<b>CABINET COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR COUNCIL RESIDENTIAL HOMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE AND FOR EXTRA CARE SERVICES</b>	agenda item number
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## **REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH**

### **THE CABINET COMMITTEE**

#### **1. Purpose of the Report**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:

- (a) confirm the Terms of Reference, membership and processes for this Cabinet Committee.
- (b) recommend an extension to the timing of the final report to Cabinet.

#### **2. Information and Advice**

2.1 On 7<sup>th</sup> March 2007, Cabinet established a Cabinet Committee to review the strategic direction for council residential care homes for older people and for extra care services.

2.2 The Cabinet Committee was given the following Terms of Reference:

- (a) Review the current and anticipated needs of older people in the county for residential or extra care services, in the light of the current policy and budgetary context and range of available services
- (b) Review the nature of the County Council's older persons' residential homes and day care and the services delivered, against the needs and policy directions identified, including best value
- (c) Consider options and make recommendations to Cabinet for the future strategic direction for the County Council's residential

homes for older people, incorporating the development of extra care services.

Intended outcome: to arrive at a preferred position which will be recommended to Cabinet and which would be subject to full consultation.

Consultation: although full consultation will follow the decisions of Cabinet, the Cabinet Committee will seek advice from stakeholders and appropriate representatives of older people to assist their deliberations.

2.3 The Cabinet Committee will start its work as soon as possible after the decision of this Cabinet and will make recommendations to Cabinet in June 2007 in order to inform budget setting processes for 2008/09.

#### 2.4 Membership

2.4.1 The membership of the Cabinet committee will be the Deputy Leader, the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health and one other Cabinet member; the Deputy Leader will act as Chair of the committee. It is proposed that there will be 5 non-voting members on this Cabinet Committee, comprising 2 Labour Group Members, 2 Conservative Group Members and 1 Liberal Democrat Group Member. The meetings will be quorate when two voting members are present.

2.4.2 The membership of this Committee will be:

##### Voting members

Cllr Storey (Chair)  
Cllr Rhodes  
Cllr Carroll

##### Non voting members

Cllr Lonergan  
Cllr Dobson  
Cllr Allin  
Hon Cllr Taylor  
Cllr Carr

#### 2.5 Meetings

2.5.1 It is considered that 3 meetings are needed to enable members of the committee to be provided with appropriate information, to consider implications and options and move to recommendations. It has not proved possible to hold the first meeting until after the Easter break, which does not then allow adequate time for three meetings to be held and a report to be prepared for Cabinet in June.

2.5.2 The three meetings which have been set up are:

Monday 16th April 2007 – 10 am – 12 noon

Tuesday 15th May - 2pm - 4pm

Tuesday 12th June - 2.30pm - 4.30pm

2.5.3 It is therefore proposed that the Committee recommend to Cabinet that the final report of this Committee should be presented to Cabinet in July, rather than June. There are Cabinet meetings on July 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, and the aim would be to report to the 4<sup>th</sup> July.

## 2.6 Consultation

2.6.1 The Terms of Reference are clear that any specific recommendations arising from the work of this committee will be subject to formal consultation. This applies particularly to any recommendations for closure of existing care homes.

2.6.2 The areas being considered by this committee are of vital importance to older people and those associated with them, and the meeting dates and papers will be made available to the following:

- Nottinghamshire Older Persons Advisory Group (OPAG)
- Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Age Concern
- Help the Aged Nottinghamshire
- The Alzheimer's Society, Nottinghamshire
- Nottinghamshire Care Association
- Care homes for older people provided by the County Council, for the information of residents, carers and staff
- Relevant Trade Unions.

2.6.3 It is also proposed that officers should meet with members of OPAG at their meetings on 16<sup>th</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> June to seek their views on the issues and then options before this committee.

2.6.4 With regards to care homes, it is planned to make reports available on display boards, give the opportunity for discussion in the units, and to feed any comments back through the Unit Managers and Service Head.

## 2.7 Reports

- 2.7.1 The agenda for this meeting includes a report from the Strategic Director designed to provide considerable background information to members of the Committee, in line with the first two elements of the terms of reference, and seeks the views of members on those factors seen to be significant in developing services and options.
- 2.7.2 It is proposed that the second meeting receives reports from the Strategic Director which provide more detail on needs and services as required by the first meeting, and provides options for consideration.
- 2.7.3 It is proposed that the third meeting receives a paper from the Chair which makes recommendations for consideration for reporting to Cabinet.

## 3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that members of the Cabinet Committee:
- (a) note the terms of reference and membership of the Cabinet Committee
  - (b) comment on the proposals for consultation and reports
  - (c) recommend to Cabinet that the report from this Cabinet Committee be submitted to the 4<sup>th</sup> July meeting of Cabinet, not the 6<sup>th</sup> June.

## 4. Background Papers Available for Inspection

- 4.1 Report to Cabinet establishing the Cabinet Committee, March 7<sup>th</sup> 2007

## 5. Electoral Division(s) Affected

- 5.1 Nottinghamshire.

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