

By: Paul Wickenden, Overview, Scrutiny and Localism Manager  
To: Scrutiny Board – 22 April 2010  
Subject: **Select Committee on Dementia**

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Summary: To receive an update on the current Topic Review Programme

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## **Introduction**

1. At the last meeting of the Scrutiny Board it was reported that the Policy Overview Co-ordinating Committee had agreed on 16 October 2009 that the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) would be invited to be the parent Committee for this review and that the research officer to the HOSC would support this review.

## **Remit of the review**

2. (1) At the meeting of the Scrutiny Board on 24 February 2010 the Chairman of the Adult Social Services Policy Overview Committee (POSC) suggested that this review could come under the remit of that POSC rather than the HOSC.

(2) It is acknowledged that Kent Adult Social Services has a key role in relation to dementia services. At the meeting of the Adult Social Services POSC on 1 April 2009 the Committee considered a report on “Living well with Dementia: a national strategy” which included a table setting out the 17 key objectives together with resources information where available and some of the main actions associated with the objectives, which would be driven by the Kent and Medway Dementia Collaborative.

(3) The Scrutiny Board may wish to consider giving a joint remit to both Committees keeping them informed of the progress with the review.

(4) I would expect the membership of the Select Committee to reflect the knowledge and experience of both Adult Social Services POSC and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

(5) Attached a copy of the original proposal form for the review to assist the Committee (APPENDIX A).

## **Resources to deliver this review**

3. Currently all the dedicated Select Committee Research Officer support has been allocated to the three Select Committee which have started their work or which are due to start shortly ( i.e. Renewable Energy – due to report to County Council in October 2010, Extended Services – due to report to County Council in December 2010 and School Attainment due to start its work in June

2010). The earliest one of these research officers will be available is October 2010.

### **Timescale for this review**

2. (1) It was originally agreed that this Select Committee would start its work in the Summer of 2010. At the meeting of the Scrutiny Board on 24 February 2010 it was agreed that the next meeting of the Board would consider the timeframe for this review.

(2) Following discussions with colleagues in Kent Adult Social Services it is suggested that if this committee falls under their remit then it should start its work in autumn 2010 and report to County Council in April/May 2011.

### **Recommendations that :-**

(a) The Board considers which of Committee(s) in the Overview and Scrutiny Suite should be the parent committee(s) for the Select Committee topic review on dementia.


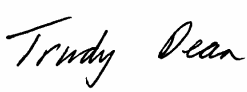
(b) the Board be requested to agree a time scale and allocate a resource to carry out the Select Committee topic review on Dementia.

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## APPENDIX A

### ASSESSMENT OF A SELECT COMMITTEE TOPIC REVIEW

(\* - sections to be filled in by the proposer of the topic)

<b>*Subject of Proposed Review:-</b> <b>Dementia</b>
<b>*Reason for the Review:-</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase in prevalence</li><li>• Demography over 80</li><li>• Dementia Strategy (national)</li><li>• Future training</li><li>• Impact on future services</li><li>• Public interest in this issue: increasing numbers of people diagnosed with dementia and carers</li></ul>
<b>*Issues to be covered by the Terms of Reference:-</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Future Demand levels / postcode lottery for drugs</li><li>• Current thinking on measure to delay / ameliorate onset of dementia ie. Memory clinic</li></ul>
<b>*Scope of the review:-</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Include all partners in debate <u>including</u> carers <u>and</u> people diagnosed with dementia</li><li>• Examination of adequacy of support for carers</li></ul>
<b>*Purpose and objectives of the Review:-</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Capacity of service to offer assistance to people diagnosed with dementia to help delay development of dementia</li></ul>
<b>Proposers of the review</b>   

To be completed by the Directorate/Cabinet Member(s)

**Are there any reasons why this review should not be put forward for inclusion in the work programme for 2009/10?**

In the light of the recently published National Dementia Strategy (February 2009) health and social care organisations are focussing their resources on implementation of the key 17 objectives. It would be beneficial for the review to focus on the key implementational issues.

There is a Kent & Medway Dementia Collaborative in place to monitor implementation of the strategy locally.

**How will the review contribute to corporate objectives and priorities?**

Support for people with Dementia is a key driver in the Active Lives policy framework for later life, and the Kent Adult Social Services strategy. This is all supported by collaborative commissioning and provision with health.

**Will the review support the achievement of PSA or LAA targets? If yes, please identify targets:-**

N1 125 – Intermediate Care/Independent Living

**Does the review need to be completed within a specific timeframe? If yes, please give details:-**

This would realise most benefit if conducted 2010/2011, to review post strategy implementation and outcomes achieved from the Dementia Demonstrator Project and other support services.

**How will this review have an impact on KCC policy development and/or help to influence national policy?**

Commissioning and provision of robust Dementia pathway services, that provides service users and carer's choice and control.

**How will this review add value to the County Council and residents of Kent?**

Improved outcomes increased collaborative and integrated service provision, and a better use of resources.

**Any additional comments from the Portfolio Holder/Strategic Director:-**

**Portfolio Holder's Signature:-**

**Strategic Director's Signature:-**

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**Date:- 9/9/09**