

Call-in of Decision No: 13/0001

Appointment of Efficiency Partner for Delivery of Transformation Programme (Scrutiny Committee - 17 April 2013)

Cabinet Portfolio: Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health – the Leader, Mr P Carter also attended for this item.

Synopsis: The report sets out the reasons behind the call-in, the background to the decision and the options for the Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendations and responses:

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Committee express comments but not require re-consideration of the decision.

1. The Scrutiny Committee thank Mr P Carter, Mr J Simmonds, Mr G Gibbens, Mr A Ireland, Mr M Lobban, Mrs J Doswell, Mr P McCallum and Mr K Bratley for attending the meeting and answering Members' questions
2. The Scrutiny Committee express the following comments:
 - a. The Scrutiny Committee welcomes the undertaking of the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health that there will be improved Member involvement in the monitoring of the efficiency partner contract with Newton Europe and asks for a report to go to the Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee every 6 months on progress in addition to the joint group mentioned below.
 - b. However, the Committee believes it is important for ordinary Members to be made aware of problems and issues at an early stage and feels a small group of officers and Members should meet with the performance partners on a regular basis to monitor performance in an ongoing and proactive manner.
 - c. The Committee feels that information had been provided to them which had not been made available to the Cabinet Committee and that if this information had been forthcoming earlier and the Cabinet Committee been more involved in the decision, it may not have been called in.

Response of the Cabinet Member

The Leader and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health agree that a progress report will be submitted to the Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee every 6 months.

Date of response: 4 June 2013