

**COMMITTEE:** SOCIAL INCLUSION SCRUTINY

**DATE:** 29<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2008

**SUBJECT:** REFERENCE FROM PERFORMANCE,  
RESOURCES & ASSETS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
PROPOSED SCRUTINY TOPIC

**REPORT BY:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE – HEAD OF LOCAL  
DEMOCRACY

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**IMPLICATIONS:**

LEGAL	✓	COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES		ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL		CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING		OTHER

**WARDS AFFECTED: ALL**

**PURPOSE**

1. To refer the recommendations of Performance, Resources and Assets Scrutiny Committee to Social Inclusion Scrutiny Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2. Social Inclusion Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:-
  - (i) Scrutinise the lower headline rating received in the recent CPA assessment Adult Social Care.

- (ii) Investigate how to improve the headline rating for Adult Social Care at the next CPA assessment.**
- (iii) Report its findings of (i) and (ii) above, back to the Performance Resources and Assets Scrutiny Committee.**

### **BACKGROUND**

- 3. At its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2008, Performance, Resources and Assets Scrutiny Committee discussed the 2007 Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) Scorecard and Direction of Travel (Ref: 11).
- 4. CPA is an annual process that applies to all English single tier local authorities and county councils.

### **REPORT**

- 5. Since the introduction of CPA in 2002 the Council has consistently scored well, but has never reached the top level of performance. From 2002 to 2004 the authority was judged “good”, and since 2005 (when the scoring labels changed) the Council has been judged “3 star”. Both of these labels are one below the top level (“excellent” prior to 2005, and “4 star” since 2005). 2007 has once again seen the Council judged to be a 3 star authority.
- 7. It was noted by the Performance Resources and Assets Scrutiny Committee that Adult Social Care only received a headline rating of 2 the Committee suggested that if this could be increased to a 3 before the next inspection it would assist the Council in achieving a 4 star rating.
- 8. Performance, Resources and Assets Scrutiny Committee resolved:-
  - “(i) That Social Inclusion Scrutiny Committee be requested to scrutinise the lower headline rating received in the recent CPA assessment for Adult Social Care.
  - (ii) That Social Inclusion Scrutiny Committee be requested to investigate how to improve the headline rating for Adult Social Care at the next CPA assessment.
  - (iii) That Social Inclusion Scrutiny Committee be requested to report its findings of (i) and (ii) above, back to the Performance Resources and Assets Scrutiny.”

### **PROPOSAL/OPTION**

9. Social Inclusion Scrutiny Committee can agree or refuse to scrutinise why Adult Social Care only received a 2 star rating in the recent CPA assessment and investigate whether its star rating could be improved to 3 star at the next assessment.
10. Social Inclusion Scrutiny Committee can note the report.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

11. There are/are no legal implications to this report and this has been agreed by John Newman Solicitor in Legal Services on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS** **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**

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