



## Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

19 September 2017

### Report from the Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships

For information

Wards affected: ALL

## Scoping paper for Home Care Scrutiny Task Group

### 1.0 Summary

- 1.1 The Community and Wellbeing Committee agreed in its work plan for 2017/18 to set up a number of task groups to review important matters of council policy. Members agreed that during 2016/17 they would set up a task group in order for scrutiny to review home care in the Borough.
- 1.2 Home care as a subject for a scrutiny task group was judged by members to have met the IMPACT criteria which scrutiny has developed to evaluate and filter whether or not a subject is appropriate to be included in its annual work programme for 2017/18. The task group scoping document in Appendix A sets out the task group's remit, methodology, research methods and its objectives.

### 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members of the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee to discuss and agree the contents of the report and scoping paper in Appendix A.
- 2.2 The committee to agree to set up a task group to review home care which will produce a report with recommendations to committee.

### 3.0 Background

- 3.1 Home care, also known as domiciliary care, is a key way of improving a person's quality of life. Domiciliary support is practical, including help to get out of bed and dressed in the morning, assistance in preparing meals and taking medication. This care enables people to live safely and autonomously in their own homes, whilst also receiving the support they need to complete activities of daily living such as getting washed and dressed.
- 3.2 Home care is an important part of Brent's health and social care system. However, the provision of the service is facing significant challenges. The majority of home care delivered at present is a traditional service. However, the local authority also offer some reablement provision. During 2016 – 2017 home

care was provided to a total of 2,578 Brent residents, with a further 904 receiving reablement home care in the same year.

- 3.3 The local authority's existing arrangement with the West London Alliance for purchasing home care ends in September 2018. As a result, Brent Council will organise its own commissioning arrangements to come into effect from 1 October 2018, which is an important priority for the Community Wellbeing Department and the Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing.

#### **4.0 Detail**

- 4.1 The task group will focus on four areas: resources, health and wellbeing outcomes, partnerships and relationships, and the quality of home care. Members of the task group will engage with a number of stakeholders as part of their review.

- 4.2 The scope of the enquiry by the scrutiny task group is limited to its terms of reference as set out in the scoping paper. In essence, the purpose of the scrutiny task group will be to develop recommendations for the Cabinet based on what the task group thinks are the important priorities for a future home care commissioning model, how the challenges can be addressed, and how the local authority's existing policies and strategies might need to be updated.

- 4.3 The chair of task group is Cllr Ketan Sheth, and the other members will be Cllr Pat Harrison and Cllr Jean Hossain.

#### **5.0 Financial Implications**

- 5.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.

#### **6.0 Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

#### **7.0 Diversity Implications**

- 7.1 There are no diversity implications immediately arising from this report.

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