

# **Cllr Simon Allen, Cabinet Member for WellBeing Key Issues Briefing Note**

**Wellbeing Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel – July 2012**

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## **1. PUBLIC ISSUES**

### **Publication of White Paper on Social Care and Funding**

On July 11<sup>th</sup>, the Government published its White Paper on the reform of adult social care - *Caring for our future: reforming care and support*, a full copy of which can be downloaded from the Department of Health's website: [www.dh.gov.uk](http://www.dh.gov.uk)

A summary briefing and commentary by the Local Government Association is attached to this briefing.

## **2. PERFORMANCE**

There are no key performance issues to highlight that are not covered by the .Care Homes Quarterly Performance Report item later on the Panel's Agenda.

## **3. SERVICE DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**

### **Home Improvement Agency**

Following a competitive process, the West of England Care & Repair (WE C&R) has been appointed to be the future provider of home improvement services in Bath and North East Somerset. The new service will be available from Autumn this year.

Service user benefits of the new service will include:

- WE C&R has a strong track record of maximising income for clients through benefit assessment and charitable donations.
- Provision of peer support for older people and other service users.
- Proposals to work with rural champions to improve services to people living in rural areas
- A focus on local identity, local delivery of services and knowledge of local stakeholders.