

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive  
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Reference

**E2251**

**Placements and Packages Policy for Adult Social Services**

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| <b>Decision maker/s</b>                  | Councillor Vic Pritchard, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services and Housing  |
| <b>The Issue</b>                         | <i>A placements project group was set up in early 2010 to identify efficiencies in relation to residential and nursing home placements and in relation to packages of care and support for service users helped to live at home. The project group also identified a lack of consistency of approach across different operational teams, for example in relation to team custom and practice, and in relation to the level of resources allocated to individual service users. The policy framework and practice guidance was developed in order to smooth out inconsistencies and to support practitioners in taking a more equitable approach to commissioning placements and packages for service users.</i> |
| <b>Decision Date</b>                     | 22-Mar-11   |
| <b>The decision</b>                      | The Cabinet member agrees that the Placements & Packages Policy for Adult Social Care should be adopted for use by all relevant staff operating within the Community Health & Social Care Service.  |
| <b>Rationale for decision</b>            | In addition to the issues highlighted by the placements project group, previous guidance set out in the council's adult social care manual had become outdated, particularly in relation to the changes brought about by Putting People First, the advent of Personal Budgets, the adoption of a single contributions policy and the development of a single panel for decision making and resource allocation.   |
| <b>Financial and budget implications</b> | Greater consistency of approach, facilitated by staff adherence to a single policy framework, is likely to result in better financial control in relation to adult social care commissioning budgets  |
| <b>Issues considered</b>                 | <i>Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Human Rights; Health &amp; Safety; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations</i>  |
| <b>Consultation undertaken</b>           | St SP 151   |
| <b>How consultation was carried out</b>  | Published in WL 11-Mar-11   |
| <b>Other options considered</b>          | No other options were considered as the concerns already highlighted dictated the requirement for a clear policy framework  |
| <b>Signatures of Decision Makers</b>     |   |
| <b>Date of Signature</b>                 |   |

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