

Single Member Cabinet Decision

**Executive
Forward Plan
Reference**

E2177

Joint Carers Commissioning Strategy

Decision maker/s	Cllr Vic Pritchard, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Services and Housing
The Issue	<i>The Cabinet Member is asked to approve the Strategy on behalf of the Council</i>
Decision Date	12-Oct-10
The decision	The Cabinet Member approves the Joint Carers Commissioning Strategy on behalf of the Council
Rationale for decision	The Strategy seeks to ensure that there will be support available to allow carers to maintain a balance between their caring responsibilities and a life outside of caring. It builds on the Carers' Strategic Plan of 2005-2008, and looks to further develop the Carers agenda, recognising the changing policy and legislative landscape; decreasing public sector finance; the views of Carers and; takes account of social and demographic changes.
Financial and budget implications	The Strategy sets out existing patterns of investment by both the Local Authority and the Primary Care Trust in supporting carers. It also outlines commissioning intentions, based on both national and local guidance and evidence of how carers can best be supported. Current patterns of investment by both the Council and PCT are as outlined in the report.
Issues considered	<i>Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Human Rights</i>
Consultation undertaken	Overview and Scrutiny; Service Users; Stakeholders/Partners; Council Chief Executive; Council Solicitor; Council Section 151 Officer
How consultation was carried out	Published in Agenda for PBHW meeting 15-Sep-10
Other options considered	None
Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	
Subject to Call-in until 5 working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	