

Open Report on behalf of Keith Ireland, Chief Executive

Report to:	Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
Date:	28 November 2018
Subject:	Working Group – Government Green Paper: <i>Care and Support for Older People</i>

Summary:

The Committee has established a working group to consider the background to the Government Green Paper on *Care and Support for Older People*, the publication of which was originally expected in the autumn.

This report sets out proposed terms of reference and proposes the next meeting of the working group take place in January 2019.

Actions Required:

To consider the draft terms of reference of the Government Green Paper Working Group, as set out in this report.

1. Background

Government Green Paper – Care and Support for Older People

The Government Green Paper on *Care and Support for Older People* is due to be published during the autumn, but is now expected in early 2019. As reported to the Committee previously, several organisations have produced discussion papers in advance of its publication. Of particular relevance for Lincolnshire County Council are two papers published by local government organisations: -

- *Sustainable County Social Care – A Green Paper that Delivers A New Deal for Counties* (The County Councils Network: 27 July 2018)
- *The Lives We Want to Lead – The LGA Green Paper for Adult Social Care and Wellbeing* (The Local Government Association: 31 July 2018)

The County Council has responded to each of these discussion papers.

Other papers include a report by Independent Age, which is a charity providing advice and support for older people, entitled: *A Taxing Question: How to Pay For Free Personal Care*.

Membership of the Working Group

Following the last meeting of the Committee, a working group was established, which comprises Councillors Hugo Marfleet, Mrs Liz Sneath, Rob Kendrick, Julie Killey, Alexander Maughan and Mark Whittington.

Initial Meeting of Working Group Members

On 19 October, an initial meeting of the working group took place and following this, it was agreed that draft terms of reference would be articulated on the basis of the working group's discussion.

Proposed Terms of Reference

At its initial meeting on 19 October, the working group made comments on its remit, which have been articulated into the following draft terms of reference: -

- (1) *In advance of the Government's publication of its Adult Social Care Green Paper, to review the following:*
 - (a) *Sustainable County Social Care – A Green Paper that Delivers A New Deal for Counties (The County Councils Network: 27 July 2018)*
 - (b) *The Lives We Want to Lead – The LGA Green Paper for Adult Social Care and Wellbeing (The Local Government Association: 31 July 2018)*
 - (c) *A Taxing Question: How to Pay For Free Personal Care. (Independent Age, September 2018)*
 - (d) *the responses of Lincolnshire County Council to (a) and (b) above, and any other relevant documents.*
- (2) *To consider the potential challenges for Lincolnshire, including its rurality and sparsity, and possible solutions including future IT developments.*
- (3) *To consider the links to housing provision by taking account of any relevant work by the Health and Wellbeing Board's Housing Sub Group.*
- (4) *To review the content of the Green Paper following its publication, including the extent to which it meets Lincolnshire's needs.*
- (5) *To consider any overlaps between the publication of the NHS Plan alongside the Green Paper when both become available.*

The Working Group expects to make recommendations to the Executive Councillor for Adult Care, Health and Children's Services, as part of its contribution should the County Council decide to make a response to the Green Paper consultation. This suggests the group may continue until March 2019.

Working Group Meeting

In view of the timescales, it is proposed to set up a working group meeting in early 2019.

2. NHS Long Term Plan

On 18 June 2018, the Government announced a long-term funding settlement for the NHS: an average annual real terms growth rate of 3.4% over five years. In return, the Government has asked NHS England and NHS Improvement to set out by the end of November 2018 a long term plan for the NHS which:

- a. delivers on the NHS's existing Five Year Forward View commitments;
- b. sets out a five year plan to deliver clear improvements and financial stability for the NHS; and
- c. articulates ten year high level ambitions for further improvements to patient outcomes.

NHS England and NHS Improvement have stated that from November 2018 until March 2019 they will work with the NHS locally and regionally, including Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships, to map out implications of the national priorities for local services and people.

Links have been made between the Government Green Paper: *Care and Support for Older People* and the NHS Long Term Plan. In June 2018, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care stated that the Government wants to integrate plans for social care with the new NHS plan, and the NHS has been advised that a key plank of its long term plan must be the full integration of health and social care.

Assuming the NHS Long Term Plan is published in early December 2018, the Health Scrutiny Committee will be considering an item on this at its next meeting on 12 December 2018.

3. Conclusion

The Committee is invited to consider the draft terms of reference of the Government Green Paper Working Group, as set out in this report.

4. Consultation

When the Government publishes the Green Paper: *Care and Support for Older People*, a period of consultation will follow.

Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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