

REPORT TO: Cabinet Member - Health and Social Care
Cabinet

DATE: 19 January 2011
27 January 2011

SUBJECT: Adult Social Care - Provision of Care Services

WARDS AFFECTED: All

REPORT OF: Robina Critchley, Adult Social Care Director

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EXEMPT/CONFIDENTIAL: No

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

To inform the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care of the commencement of an "Expressions of Interest" exercise.

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

To apprise the Cabinet member of steps the Strategic Director, Social Care and Wellbeing is taking to make budget savings and securing and maintaining quality services for the Vulnerable People of Sefton.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1) notes the contents of this report and the actions of the Strategic Director, Social Care and Wellbeing; and
- 2) refers the report to Cabinet for noting.

That the Cabinet note the report

KEY DECISION: No

FORWARD PLAN: No

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: As soon after the call in period for this report has expired.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: None.

Budget/Policy Framework: There are savings implications as a direct result of this report and these have been reported and approved in the Councils MTFP .

Financial: There are savings implications as a direct result of this report and these have been reported and approved in the Councils MTFP .

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £	2013/ 2014 £	
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

Legal: None

Risk Assessment: A risk assessment has been carried out and not to undertake the expressions of interest exercise would mean that the steps the Strategic Director, Social Care and Wellbeing is taking to make budget savings and securing and maintaining quality services for the Vulnerable People of Sefton may not be met.

Asset Management: Not appropriate

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

The Interim Head of Corporate Finance and Information Services has been consulted and has no comments on the report - FD619

The Acting Head of Corporate Legal Services has been consulted and his comments have been incorporated into the report - LD00030/11

CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Creating Safe Communities	√		
3	Jobs and Prosperity	√		
4	Improving Health and Well-Being	√		
5	Environmental Sustainability		√	
6	Creating Inclusive Communities	√		
7	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy	√		
8	Children and Young People		√	

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT

Putting People First 2007
LAC Transforming Social Care 2008 and 2009

Background

1. The Cabinet Member is already aware that Cabinet on the 11th January 2007 agreed to the creation of a company limited by shares which would be 100% owned by the Council. The company, Sefton New Directions Ltd. (SND) is operating a business in the region of £11.60 million net. The service is commissioned by the Council.
2. The Council, as part of its medium term three year financial plan has required Sefton to initiate a Strategic Budget Review and Transformation Programme, in which all areas of expenditure are examined with the clear objective of addressing the deficit whilst at the same time protecting front line services.
3. The Adult Social Care Directorate has for some considerable time been making a number of efficiencies by working closely with the independent and voluntary sector to ensure that fees paid for care services are as low as possible whilst still maintaining a high quality service provision.
4. In October 2010, the Council wrote to New Directions inviting them to enter into negotiations in respect of its charges for Day Care, Re Enablement, Supported Living and Outreach Services. This request intimated that, from the 1st April 2011, Sefton would terminate the block payments for the contract and, as with all other contracted providers pay only for the work SND undertook. This work would be reimbursed at rates currently paid by the Council to the rest of the independent sector in Sefton.
5. This initiative would provide the requisite savings approved in the Councils MTFP and, to ensure that the Council has demonstrated that it has explored all avenues to meet the fiscal targets, the Cabinet Member is asked to note that the Strategic Director for Health and Wellbeing will commence a process to invite expressions of interest from suitable providers who would be able to assume responsibility for all or part of the work placed with New Directions should the need arise.