

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE: 31 AUGUST 2001

BEST VALUE REVIEW OF OLDER PEOPLES RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Report by the Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To gain approval for a Member/Officer Group to be formed to carry out a Best Value Review of the Councils Older Peoples Residential Services.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Under the requirements of Best Value the Council is required to subject all areas of activity to Service Reviews and a programme to meet these requirements has been agreed. The Best Value Review of Older Peoples Residential Services has been scheduled for 2001/2002.
- 2.2 The Regulation to Care Act was passed in Parliament in July 2001. This will require a new Scottish Commission to Regulate care to be established by April 2002. All residential and nursing homes will require to become single care homes delivering both residential and nursing care from 2002 onwards. In addition, new National Care Standards will be introduced which will outline staffing, accommodation, and service standards which all care homes will require to meet. This will require all Local Authority residential homes to be registered to deliver nursing and residential care and meet the same standards as the independent sector.

3. THE MEMBER/OFFICER GROUP REMIT

- 3.1 It is proposed that a member/officer group be formed to oversee the Best Value Review with the following Terms of reference.
 - a) To review the operation of the residential homes for older people operated by East Ayrshire Council and assess them against the National Care Standards and Single Care Home Standards.
 - b) To review the operation of the Councils provision of residential homes against the recommendations contained in the Accounts Commission report "Care in the Balance".
 - c) To involve Staff/Relatives/Residents in the review.
 - d) To elicit staff/relative/residents and allied care professionals (i.e. GP's, Community Nurses e.t.c) views about current and future service requirements.
 - e) To consider the operation of the four homes within the context of the wider provision of care within the Council boundary.

- f) To make recommendations in light of the review and propose the action required to ensure quality, registrable care services operated by the Council are delivered.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 It is recommended that Committee agree

- (i) to nominate seven members to be on the Member/Officer Group – 5 from the Administration and 2 from the Opposition;
- (ii) that the group present a report to Policy and Resources Committee in early 2002; and
- (iii) otherwise note the content of the report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

For further information contact the implementation officer, Martin Clark Service Unit Manager Older Peoples Services on 01563 576927.

AGENDA