



ARMS LENGTH ORGANISATION BUSINESS CASE

Aim

This report details the key findings of the Business Case that has been developed to consider the benefits for the Council of setting up a Council owned Company for the direct provision of Adult Care Services.

Background

In February 2014 the Council considered an Options Appraisal for the future of Adult Social Care Services. Four options were considered including externalisation of services, redesigning the service In-House, the development of a Community Interest Company and the development of an Arms Length Council owned company. Key criteria considered included quality, acceptability to stakeholders, governance and flexibility and cost. The Council agreed that the most viable option was the establishment of an Arms Length Organisation and agreed that a full business case be presented to the Council by June 2014.

Summary

The range of services proposed for inclusion include; Care at Home, Residential Care, Extra Care Housing, Bordercare, Older People Day Services, Learning Disability Services and the Borders Ability Equipment Store. All of these are Council Services, however, it should be noted that the Equipment Service is a joint service and a proportion of this budget is from NHS Borders. There will be further discussions regarding the inclusion of this service during the implementation stage. The total identified budget for these current services totals £16.9m.

Recommendation

The Integration Shadow Board is asked to **note** the business case.

Policy/Strategy Implications	As detailed within the business case.
Consultation	As detailed within the business case.
Risk Assessment	As detailed within the business case.
Compliance with requirements on Equality and Diversity	As detailed within the business case.
Resource/Staffing Implications	As detailed within the business case.

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