

Joint Area Committee – West – 20th May 2009

## **7. Somerset County Council - Adult Social Care – Service Briefing**

A presentation will be given by John Moughton (Service and Operations Manager – Adult Social Care) and Jon Goodwin (Team Manager, Chard and Langport) from Somerset County Council to brief members about the work of the Adult Social Care Service.

Adult Social Care arrange social care services for older people, younger people with physical disabilities and people with sensory loss. They aim to support people in their own homes in the community wherever possible. Where that is no longer possible, the aim is to ensure the availability of a good quality residential or nursing home. Services are based on the principles of promoting independence and maximising choice. Most services are purchased from the independent sector, rather than being provided in-house.

Support is provided in the following areas:

- Assessment of needs
- Care planning, co-ordination and review
- Emotional and practical support
- Protection of vulnerable adults
- Care in a residential or nursing home
- Personal care at home
- Sitting Service (to provide a break for carers)
- Community meals service
- Day Services and opportunities
- Community equipment
- Adaptations to the home environment
- Support for carers
- Direct Payments
- Advice on social care, health, housing and money from Somerset Direct
- Financial assessments and benefits advice through the FAB (Financial Assessment and Benefit) Teams

### **This service contributes towards Somerset County Council Priorities:-**

Priority 7: Personalise care services in ways that enable Somerset residents to exercise greater choice and control.

Priority 11: Improve healthy life expectancy and reduce inequalities between Somerset residents.

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Priority 13: Ensure integrated and high quality services, which are located as close as possible to users.

Priority 14: Transform Somerset County Council to deliver more efficient and effective services.

**Background Papers:** *None.*

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