

NAME OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Services Scrutiny Committee
DATE OF MEETING	22 September 2015
TITLE OF ITEM	Care Challenge Project
CABINET MEMBER	Cllr Gareth Roberts

1. Introduction

1.1 The 'Care Challenge' Project is one of the projects of the Council's Strategic Plan and is crucial to the changes we are trying to put in place in the Adults, Health and Well-being Department. The 'Challenge' is to transform social services in response to the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act and the challenging financial agenda that we are facing. The project aims to facilitate the transformation work.

1.2 The new Act comes into force in April 2016. There is emphasis within the Act on 'well-being' and supporting vulnerable individuals within the community; therefore transformation is unavoidable if we are to satisfy the requirements. A key part of the project is to raise awareness of the need for change, identify strengths in communities and respond to any gaps.

1.3 The Brief and Project Plan are presented in Appendices 1 and 2. The Brief outlines the aim, objectives and key milestones for the project and the Project Plan details the work programme. We will be building and adding to the work programme as work progresses.

1.4 Including stakeholders in this work is crucial if the transformation is to succeed. We have created staff focus groups to assist us with the work and it is intended to hold a **focus group with Members on 29 September 2pm – 4pm at Porthmadog**. Work is also afoot to engage with users, key partners and communities.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked for their comments on the Brief and Project Plan

2.2 Members are asked to provide their input to the project by taking part in the Members Focus Group on 29 September 2015.