REPORT FRPOM THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND INTEGRATION TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2016

Following a recent scrutiny meeting at which it became clear that some members either have reservations about or are unclear as to the purpose and aspirations of the My Life a Full Life project and its connection with NHS Vanguard funding and the new proposals for a sustainability and transformation plan, I am arranging an all member briefing on the current state of play around the Integration/transformation of health and social care. Details should be available in the near future and I would encourage colleagues to attend if at all possible.

The imminent consultation around the proposed withdrawal of the New Islander Card has highlighted grave concerns about the potential impact upon service users. I recently attended a meeting of the support group People Matter at Haylands Farm and many of those present expressed the view that changes would prevent them from accessing paid or voluntary work. Against the backdrop of a recognition of the importance of prevention and early intervention in matters relating to poor mental health it is clear that this is an issue which warrants reconsideration.

I am pleased to report good progress around the implementation of a new working model/pathway for Adult Social Care in the wake of the Care Act. Much work remains to be done but recent meetings with service providers across the private sector indicate a broad acceptance that the changes will benefit the provider, the council and those people we jointly serve.

The work towards next year's budget continues to occupy a great deal of time and energy. I look forward to bringing forward some exciting proposals alongside my colleagues at October's meeting of the Full Council.

Councillor Steve Stubbings Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Integration