

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	AUDIT COMMITTEE		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	INDEPENDENT REVIEW: HEALTH AND CARE CHARGING POLICY FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICES		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	24 SEPTEMBER 2008		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES		
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**STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY**

None

**SUMMARY**

This report outlines the situation with regard to billing customers in receipt of social care, the actions that have been taken to rectify the problem, the progress made in implementing these actions and the implications for the future as recommended following an independent investigation by PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- (i) That the Audit Committee notes the independent report on the Council's Health and Care charging policy for non-residential care services as attached.

**REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The Audit Committee has responsibility for providing independent assurance to the Standards and Governance Committee on the adequacy of the risk management framework and the reporting and control environment. Specifically, the Committee has a role in the oversight of the reports of internal and external audit and other review and inspection bodies.

**CONSULTATION**

2. All Councillors have been briefed on the outcomes of the independent investigation and the action plan in place to address the issues identified. All relevant officers have been consulted in development of the action plan.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

3. None

**DETAIL**

4. The executive summary and action plan for the PriceWaterhouseCoopers report "Review of the Council's Health and Care charging policy for non-residential care services" is attached for consideration in the appendix. The Director of Government and Public Sector, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP will be in attendance at the Committee meeting to answer any questions.

## **FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Capital**

5. None

### **Revenue**

6. None

### **Property**

7. None

### **Other**

8. None

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

### **Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:**

9. The duty to be satisfied and provide assurance to the Standards and Governance Committee that appropriate action is being taken on risk and internal control related issues identified by the internal and external auditors and other review and inspection bodies is set out in the Local Government Act 1972.

### **Other Legal Implications:**

10. None

## **POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS**

11. None

## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

### Appendices

1.	Executive summary: PriceWaterhouse Coopers report: "Review of the Council's Health and Care charging policy for non-residential care services"
2.	Action Plan for Health and Care charging policy for non-residential care services as at 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2008

### Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None.
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### Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

1.	None	
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**Background documents available for inspection at:** Internal Audit Office, North Block Basement, Civic Centre

**FORWARD PLAN No:** N/a      **KEY DECISION?** N/a

**WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:** N/a