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## Review of Partnership Boards

Councillor Tim Barker – Chairman of the Performance and Strategy Scrutiny Committee

### 1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This paper presents the findings of the Performance and Strategy Scrutiny Committee following its consideration of the current arrangements in Shropshire of the five Partnership Boards themed around key groups of vulnerable adults.

### 2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board is requested to consider its future consultation methods with groups of vulnerable adults in society and to consider whether the existing five Partnership Boards continue to represent the best method of engaging with this sector.

### 3.0 Report

- 3.1 At its meeting on 5 July 2012 the Performance and Strategy Scrutiny Committee considered an overview of the five Partnership Boards in Shropshire, namely:
- Learning Disability Partnership Board (LDPB)
  - Physical Disability & Sensory Impairment Partnership Board (PDSIPB)
  - Older People Partnership Board (OPPB)
  - Family Carer Partnership Board (FCPB)
  - Mental Health Partnership Board (MHPB)
- 3.2 The Committee recognised that the broad purpose of the five Groups was to bring together service users, family carers and senior managers from the public, private, community and voluntary sectors to ensure effective local coordination and strategic planning to improve the lives of vulnerable people and family carers.
- 3.3 It was noted that during the last year the Partnership Boards had considered the following issues:

- The emerging structures for the Shropshire Health & Wellbeing Board, including the future of the Partnership Boards, where they fit in and to whom they report;
- Updates on the re-structures within the Council and NHS;
- The development of the Shropshire Council Local Account and some feedback relating to adult social care performance;
- The transformation of Adult Social Care and the two consultations;
- Issues relating to family carers;
- Updates on live consultations, such as the draft Health & Wellbeing Strategy and Autism strategy;
- Key developments or issues relating to the specific service user group.

3.4 Members noted that the new local structures and processes for partnership working and participation were becoming clearer and beginning to embed, for example, Forums of Interest in the VCSA were continuing to grow, Patient Participation Groups were in nearly every practice in Shropshire, the Shropshire LINK was moving towards becoming the local HealthWatch, the Shropshire Disability Network had become established and the Stakeholder Alliance was developing.

3.5 The Committee recognised the need to develop a clear plan for Partnership Boards and noted that there had already been discussions about their role within the Health & Wellbeing Board structure, and specifically the Stakeholder Alliance. The Committee acknowledged that analysis to determine whether the functions of the five Partnership Boards remained appropriate and how they could best be implemented within the new infrastructure was essential. Members were clear that the views and experiences of service users and family carers would continue to be critical at all levels to ensure that the right services and support to make a difference to people’s lives was developed.

<p><b>Background Papers</b></p> <p>Report entitled, ‘Overview of the Partnership Boards for Vulnerable Adults and Family Carers’ to the Performance and Strategy Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 5 July 2012</p> <p>Minutes of the Performance and Strategy Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 5 July 2012</p>
<p><b>Cabinet Member/s</b></p> <p>Councillor Ann Hartley [Portfolio Holder Health and Wellbeing] Councillor Steve Charmley [Portfolio Holder Health and Wellbeing]</p>
<p><b>Local Member/s - All</b></p>
<p><b>Appendices - Nil</b></p>