

## **Committee: Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

**Date: 13 March 2018**

Wards: ALL

### **Subject: Personal Independent Payments Process**

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#### **Recommendations:**

- A. That the Panel discuss the reports from Merton Centre for Independent Living and Citizens Advice Merton and Lambeth on the Personal Independent Payments process and the impact on people with disabilities.
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#### **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1. The purpose of the attached reports is to provide an overview of the Personal Independent Payment application process and some challenges that people with disabilities have faced. Representatives from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) will attend to answer questions.

#### **2 DETAILS**

- 2.1. This issue was discussed by the Panel in September 2017 and although the Department for Work and Pensions Representatives provided a report to the Panel they were not able to attend the meeting.
- 2.2. Colleagues from DWP will attend this meeting and respond to the issues raised by Merton Centre for Independent Living and Citizens Advice Merton and Lambeth.

#### **3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

The Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel can select topics for scrutiny review and for other scrutiny work as it sees fit, taking into account views and suggestions from officers, partner organisations and the public.

Cabinet is constitutionally required to receive, consider and respond to scrutiny recommendations within two months of receiving them at a meeting.

- 3.1. Cabinet is not, however, required to agree and implement recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny. Cabinet could agree to implement some, or none, of the recommendations made in the scrutiny review final report.

#### **4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**

- 4.1. The Panel will be consulted at the meeting

**5 TIMETABLE**

- 5.1. The Panel will consider important items as they arise as part of their work programme for 2017/18

**6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1. None relating to this covering report

**7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1. None relating to this covering report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the legal and statutory implications of the topic being scrutinised.

**8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1. It is a fundamental aim of the scrutiny process to ensure that there is full and equal access to the democratic process through public involvement and engaging with local partners in scrutiny reviews. Furthermore, the outcomes of reviews are intended to benefit all sections of the local community.

**9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1. None relating to this covering report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the crime and disorder implications of the topic being scrutinised.

**10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1. None relating to this covering report

**11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**

- Merton Centre for Independent Living Report
- Citizens Advice Merton and Lambeth Report.

**12 BACKGROUND PAPERS**