

ANNEX 2 – Interim Report of the Welfare Reform Task Group

Witnesses the Task Group have already met with:

Part 1 – Partners

- Helen Drake – Development Manager for Citizens Advice Surrey and Tara Hastings - Camberley Citizens Advice Bureau Manager.
- Maria Zealey – CEO of Surrey Welfare Rights Unit.
- Department for Work and Pensions: Kim Goodall - Regional Office Contact for Surrey & Sussex and Julia Curties - Grant Funding Manager.
- District and Borough Council housing managers: Kim Rippet – Head of Housing for Guildford BC (with own housing stocking) and Deborah Ashman – Head of Housing for Spelthorne BC (without own housing stock).
- Clive Wood - CEO of Surrey Disabled Peoples Partnership (SDPP) (the lead provider of GetwiS£ - commissioned by Surrey’s County Council’s Adult Social Care) and Vicki Atherton - SDPP’s Deputy Chief Executive and Manager of the GetwiS£ welfare benefits advice service.
- District and Borough Council benefits managers: Simon Rosser – Revenues and Benefits Manager for Reigate and Banstead BC and Grant Langford – Benefits Manager for Elmbridge BC.

Part 2 – Surrey County Council

- Adult Social Care: Toni Carney - Benefits and Charging Consultancy Manager and Norah Lewis – Assistant Senior Manager, ASC Commissioning.
- Children, Schools and Families: Ginni Smedley – Strategy and Policy Development Manager.
- Finance: Daphne Fraser - Senior Principal Accountant, Funding.
- Surrey Libraries: Rose Wilson – Library Operations Manager and Janet Thomas – Libraries Programme Manager.

Witnesses the Task Group wishes to meet with or revisit:

Part 3 – Partners and Surrey County Council

- Clive Wood - CEO of Surrey Disabled Peoples Partnership (SDPP) (the lead provider of GetwiS£) and claimant who has been successfully supported through the Employment Support Allowance appeals process by GetwiS£.
- Department for Work and Pensions: Kim Goodall - Regional Office Contact for Surrey & Sussex and manager from the local decision making team for Employment and Support Allowance at the Department of Work and Pensions. Meeting to take place at a Job Centre in Surrey.
- Helen Atkinson - Director of Public Health and Michael Gosling - Cabinet Member for Public Health and the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- Shared Services (who are responsible for the Local Assistance Scheme): Simon Pollock – Head of Shared Services and Stewart Taylor - Customer Interaction Lead.

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