

**Cabinet**  
**19<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**\*871 Residential Care for the Elderly in Southend**

The Cabinet received a report of the Corporate Director Adult and Community Services on a review of the options for the future of the Council's two long term care homes for the elderly undertaken by cross party Member led Task and Finish Panel.

The Chair of the Task and Finish Panel, Councillor Kaye addressed the meeting and outlined the findings and conclusions of the review.

Resolved:-

That the findings of the Task and Finish Panel, be accepted and that officers be instructed to commence a formal consultation on all 4 options, with the preferred option being the planned closure of Priory House and further exploration of the opportunities to develop the Delaware House site to offer some dedicated facilities for Older People.

**Reasons for Decision**

To undertake consultation on the submitted options.

**Other Options**

The Panel was tasked with reviewing 4 options: Continue as now; Alternative ownership; re-provision and modernisation; and/or the closure of one or both homes.

Note:- This is an Executive Function.

Eligible for call in to Community Services and Culture Scrutiny Committee

Executive Councillor:- Salter

**This matter had previously been considered by Community Services and Culture Scrutiny Committee as a pre-Cabinet scrutiny item.**

**\*Called in to:- Community Services & Culture Scrutiny Committee**