

Adults, Health & Public Protection Policy & Scrutiny Committee

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1. Committee Members will be aware that Westminster City Council (WCC) and the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea (RBKC) have informed the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham (LBHF) of their intention to terminate the shared services arrangements currently in place and it its WCC and RBKC's intention to establish bi-borough arrangements. According to the s113 agreement, the exit process must be complete within 12 months, so effectively by the end of this financial year. If it is possible to move more quickly than this, we will, so that staff can be provided with certainty about the future.
2. Although in the early stages, a number of steps have already been taken:
 - Governance/programme arrangements have been established at Member and officer level to progress the termination of the current arrangement and the transition to new arrangement. Joint programme governance is also being established with RBKC. It is our intention to work collaborative where possible with LBHF to ensure that service delivery is minimised as much as possible.
 - Work is underway to understand the distribution of staff across the three boroughs to understand where the risk is.

- RBKC and WCC have started the appointment process for the bi-borough Executive Director of Adult Social Care, the advert went to press last week.
- Work is underway to understand the financial and contractual consequences of unpicking the current arrangements so that plans can be put in place to minimise the impact. A particular focus is the Adult Social Care Transformation programme and any impact it may have.
- Sue Redmond (Interim Executive Director of Adult Social Care) is working with colleagues to propose new structures which will be shared with the Committee in due course.

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