

Community Wellbeing Programme Board – report from Cllr David Rogers OBE

Dilnot Commission

1. I met with Andrew Dilnot, Chair of the Commission on Funding of Care and Support, on 15 June to discuss the final report which will have a significant impact on adult social care. The Commission published its report on the future funding for care and support in England on 4 July. Building on its long-held position that reform of an over-stretched and under-funded adult social care system is urgently needed, the Local Government Group will analyse Dilnot's proposals more thoroughly over the coming weeks, engaging with colleagues in local government and other key stakeholder partners, to help shape our position and ensure it reflects the views of the sector. We then will develop an influencing strategy for the forthcoming Adult Social Care White Paper and then a programme of activity to support our work on the Adult Social Care Bill.

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Dementia and Ageing and Older People

2. Cllr Gareth Barnard met Baroness Sally Greengross, Vice Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Dementia and Ageing and Older People, to discuss social care and health reforms on 24 May.

Homelessness round table with Grant Shapps

3. Further to LG Group Members attendance at the Ministerial Working Group on homelessness, Councillor Gary Porter, Chair of the Environment and Housing Programme Board and I convened a round table to discuss a community budgeting approach to homelessness. The meeting was attended by over 20 local authority members, senior officers and the Housing Minister, Grant Shapps MP. Following a discussion on the community budget pilots on families with complex needs the group agreed to investigate developing a stronger role for housing issues on the health and well being board agenda and develop a strong evidence base and case studies to support a preventative approach.

LG Group Declaration on Care and Support Reform

4. The LG Group has developed a declaration on care and support reform, which we are encouraging all top-tier council Leaders to sign up to. The declaration carries the simple message that we need cross-party recognition that it is time to act, cross-party consensus to deliver meaningful reform, and a clear

programme of action from the government, including a White Paper this year and a Bill early next. The intention is to then submit the declaration to Cameron, Clegg and Miliband. We believe such a statement could be incredibly powerful in showing that the local government sector is united on the reform issue and has the political consensus we need to see at a national level. We have a number of Leaders already signed up to the declaration and are working hard to get more. If you would like further details about how to sign up please contact me at david.rogers@local.gov.uk

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