

**SCRUTINY COMMISSION - 6 APRIL 2016**

**SIGNPOSTING AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES PROPOSALS FOR  
CRISIS AND EMERGENCY SUPPORT**

**DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT**

The Commission considered a report of the Chief Executive concerning proposals for the continuation of the Signposting and Community Support Service. A copy of the report marked "Agenda Item 11" is filed with these minutes.

The Chief Executive reported that the pilot scheme had been successful in improving efficiency and creating a more partnership-focused approach.

Arising from a discussion, the following points were noted:

- Members welcomed this work. The importance of producing a piece of work to evidence the benefits of the scheme (both in terms of cost benefit and personal wellbeing) were stressed as a means to help secure funding in the future.;
- There appeared to be synergy between this work and the recommendations of a recently published report by the Bishop's Poverty Commission entitled "How do you get by?". Members expressed an interest in learning more about the Council's involvement in this work and how this might align with the signposting and Community Support Service;
- Members emphasised the need to publicise the Service and to co-ordinate activity amongst the many groups and services that contributed to this area. Members' attention was drawn to a partnership network arrangement which the Council was engaged in which assisted in this regard. It was requested that further updates on this work be reported to Overview and Scrutiny.

**RESOLVED:**

That the proposals for the continuation of crisis and emergency support as part of the Signposting and Community Service be commended.