Cabinet – 16 December 2009

Shopmobility Value for Money (VFM)

Portfolio: Councillor Adrian Andrew

Service: Regeneration

Report Detail

Councillor Martin undertook a Value for Money (VFM) review of the Shopmobility Service on behalf of the Social Care and Inclusion Scrutiny and Performance Panel. Councillor Martin and officers responsible for the management of Shopmobility assessed the service against a number of key criteria – cost, efficiency and effectiveness. This has included benchmarking the service against other local shopmobility services, as well as hearing the views of service users, including the Walsall Disability Forum.

The VFM review was presented by Councillor Martin to Social Care and Inclusion Panel at its meeting on 19 November 2009.

The Panel voted unanimously to endorse the report and to recommend to Cabinet the proposals for the service as set-out in the VFM review document annexed, specifically:

- 1. Pursuing links to Working Neighbourhoods Funding;
- 2. Combining premises with Walsall Centre for Independent Living to provide a better location for both services; and
- 3. Exploring charitable status in conjunction with the Centre for Independent Living

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