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WESTERN ISLES HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP

Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 – Short Breaks Statement

Report by Chief Officer, Health and Social Care

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 To seek approval to publish the Short Breaks Statement as required by the Carers (Scotland) act 2016.

COMPETENCE

- 2 There are no financial implications associated with the approval of the recommendation as financial considerations are addressed through the established processes associated with the application of eligibility criteria and financial governance.

SUMMARY

- 3 The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 requires all partnerships across Scotland to prepare, publish and review a statement setting out information about short breaks services available for carers locally and across Scotland. The aim is to help carers and cared-for people to understand what short breaks are, the opportunities available locally and across the country and how to access these.
- 4 The draft Short Breaks Statement as detailed in appendix 1, has been produced in partnership with the membership of Carers Information Strategy Group. This forum has provided a vehicle for statutory and Third Sector partners to work through the implications of the Act and have a transparent approach to the production of information and use of resources.
- 5 There is a duty on each authority to publish a Short Breaks Statement by 31st December 2018. It is recommended that the Statement detailed at Appendix 1 is approved for publication. The Statement will be subject to annual review and be refreshed as required to reflect any changes in service provision.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 6 It is recommended that the Short Breaks Statement as detailed at Appendix 1 is approved for publication on the Comhairle and Integration Joint Board websites to address the requirements associated with the Carer's Scotland Act 2016.

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