

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

People Scrutiny Commission

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Title: Adult Social Care Strategic Plan 2016-2020

Ward: Citywide

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RECOMMENDATION

The People Scrutiny Commission is asked to:

- comment on the draft Adult Social Care Strategic Plan 2016-2020;
- suggest issues that should be emphasised, added or removed;
- offer their support for the implementation of the Adult Social Care Strategic Plan.

Summary

The Adult Social Care (ASC) Strategic Plan outlines the Council's vision, approach and priorities for adult social care for 2016-2020. It is intended to address the challenges faced by ASC and be the basis of our work with partners including health. It will be supported by annual delivery plans. This work is taking place alongside, and being informed by and influencing, the development of the Corporate Strategy and the revised Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The significant issues in the report are:

The Adult Social Care Strategic Plan sets out the context in which the Council is operating in relation to adult social care and the evidence based strategic approach to adult social care, based on a three tier model of care and support. It sets out how we will:

- Put in place a new, more cost effective approach to delivering adult social care.
- Provide services within budget.
- Work with partners to provide a more joined up health and social care system.
- Focus on preventative services which help people to remain independent or regain the independence they want and value.
- Reduce demand and focus resources on those who most need them.

Policy

1. The Care Act 2014 brought new responsibilities for local authorities, with new eligibility for services, support for carers, new areas of work around information, advice, prevention, support for the care market, and safeguarding. There is growing understanding that councils cannot do many of the things that have been done previously. We want to focus on what we can do, what our partners and communities can do, and what individuals can do.
2. In this context, adult social care in Bristol is changing. Our focus is to promote, maintain and enhance people's independence in their communities, so that they are healthier, stronger, more resilient and less reliant on formal social care services.

Consultation

3. Internal

A working group including adult social care team managers and representatives from Adult Social Care Commissioning, Public Health, CCG, Finance, Communications, Strategic Planning, Performance, Information and Intelligence has been established to shape and develop the strategic plan for adult social care.

The following internal groups have been involved in the development of the plan:

- Team Managers Transformation Meeting
- People Directorate Leadership Team
- Public Health Departmental Management Team

4. External

The Learning Disabilities Partnership Board (LDPB) and the Older People's Partnership Board (OPPB) have been consulted on the priorities for adult social care.

The Provider Forum has been engaged in the development of the plan.

The existing priorities of Bristol Carers Voice and the Physical & Sensory Impairment Board have been incorporated in the plan.

Proposal

5. The draft Adult Social Care Strategic Plan 2016 - 2020 (9 pages) is included as Appendix A.

Other Options Considered

6. Not applicable.

Risk Assessment

7. The approach to adult social care is set in the context of increasing demand and reducing resources. This approach is designed to enable the Council to respond to these challenges.

Public Sector Equality Duties

- 8a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following “protected characteristics”: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:
- i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
 - ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --
 - remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
 - take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
 - encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
 - iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –
 - tackle prejudice; and
 - promote understanding.
- 8b) Work is underway to produce an Equalities Impact Assessment (EQUIA). The ASC Strategic Plan will be supported by annual delivery plans and additional Equalities Impact Assessments (EQUIA) will be undertaken where necessary, for example the EQUIA for the Carers Strategy 2015.

Legal and Resource Implications

Legal

None sought

Financial

(a) Revenue

None sought

(b) Capital

None sought

Land

Not applicable

Personnel

Not applicable

Appendices:

Appendix A – Draft Adult Social Care Strategic Plan 2016 - 2020

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers:

None