

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION  
CABINET BOARD  
5<sup>TH</sup> January 2017**

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF CHILDREN AND  
YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES  
- A. JARRETT**

**MATTER FOR DECISION**

**WARDS AFFECTED: ALL**

**THE NEATH PORT TALBOT DRAFT YOUNG CARERS STRATEGY  
(2016-19)**

1. **Purpose of Report**

To inform Members of the Neath Port Talbot Draft Young Carers Strategy (2016-19), and seek approval to submit the draft document to 90 day public consultation.

2. **Executive Summary**

The strategy has been developed in line with the Carers Strategy (Wales) Measure 2010, the NPT Joint Carers Commissioning Strategy 2015-18 and the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 (SSWB). It sets out the commitment, vision and principles in Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to enable the commissioning of appropriate needs led services for Young Carers and their families.

3. **Background**

The SSWB places an increasing emphasis on Local Authorities to provide support to people in ways that will enable them to live independently within their own communities to maximise their choice and independence and give them greater control over the services they receive. In line with NPT's Family Support Strategy

(2015 - 2018) and Early Intervention and Prevention Strategy (2014 - 2017) the Council has made a commitment to promote and improve the health and wellbeing of the children and families that it works with by providing needs led and outcome focused services.

The purpose of the NPT Young Carers Strategy is to improve the lives of young carers and their families in Neath Port Talbot. The Council aims to identify and reduce the numbers of children and young people who are undertaking inappropriate caring roles and the numbers of families who rely on the care of a young person for their unmet care needs because this impacts negatively on a young person's emotional and physical well-being. The Council seek to ensure that every young carer in NPT has the resources and support necessary to achieve their full potential and lead a life away from their caring role.

It is intended that this document be used by key partners to drive service planning and commissioning. It describes the services required to support Young Carers and Young Adult Carers within Neath Port Talbot to carry on caring for as long as they are willing and able to do so, in addition to having a life of their own. In addition, it recognises the different needs and outcomes for Young Carers and Young Adult Carers and looks at how through commissioning and service development the Council can build on the achievement of the previous Carers Strategies and the work undertaken as a result of the Carers Measure.

This Strategy is a working document that will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure that it remains fit for purpose and focused on the changing needs of Young Carers and Young Adult Carers living in Neath Port Talbot County Borough.

### **Monitoring the Strategy**

Neath Port Talbot Children and Young People Services will be responsible for the monitoring of the Neath Port Talbot Young Carers Strategy and Action Plan. The Strategy will be reviewed on an annual basis and an update report will be provided to the NPT Children and Young People Education Cabinet Board.

## **The Consultation process**

A consultation and engagement plan has been produced. The plan takes a systematic approach to informing key stakeholders of the consultation and the means of providing feedback. The plan also outlines the activities which will be undertaken in an attempt to reach stakeholders who may have protected characteristics as outlined in the Equalities Act 2010. Following the Consultation a report will be brought back to Members with the outcome of the Consultation.

### **3. Financial Impact**

There are no immediate financial implications in commencing the proposed consultation process.

### **5. Equality Impact Assessment**

An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. An overview of the EIA has been included in this report and it is essential that Members read the Equality Impact Assessment, which is attached to the report at Appendix 2, for the purposes of the meeting.

### **5. Workforce Impacts**

Not Applicable

### **6. Legal Impacts**

The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 brings strategic relevance to how Local Authorities and public bodies make decisions. It places an emphasis on Local Authorities and other public bodies to work together in a more sustainable and cohesive approach. The Act means that public bodies need to be look at preventative solutions when making decisions for people and communities and that it needs to involve the people living in local communities when planning for the future.

7. **Risk Management**

Not Applicable

8. **Consultation**

The item is subject to a 90 day public consultation.

9. **Recommendation**

It is recommended that Members approve a 90 day public consultation for the Draft Neath Port Talbot Young Carers Strategy 2016-2019 commencing 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017.

10. **Reason for Proposed Decision**

This document builds on the achievements of previous Neath Port Talbot Carers Strategy documents. The current draft document aims to continue to provide strategic Direction for services for Young Carers and Young Adult Carers from 2016-2019.

Subjecting the draft strategy document to public consultation will provide Young Carers and other stakeholders to have the opportunity to examine the document and give comments. The final version of the strategy will reflect feedback received during the consultation period.

11. **Implementation of Decision**

The decision is proposed for the three day call in period.

12. **Appendices**

A. The Draft Neath Port Talbot Young Carers Strategy 2016-2019

B. Equality Impact Assessment for the Draft Young Carers Strategy 2016-2019.

13. **List of Background Papers**

None

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