

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH & WELL-BEING CABINET BOARD

2nd AUGUST 2018

Report of the Head of Commissioning, Support and Direct Services
Ms. A. Thomas

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All Wards

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNCIL'S DRAFT PLAN FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE 2019 - 2022

1. Purpose of Report

To inform Members of the Draft Plan for Adult Social Care 2019 – 2022 ('The Draft Plan') and seek approval to undertake a 90-day public consultation of the draft document.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Draft Plan sets out the Council's proposals for the medium term future of Adult Social Care in Neath Port Talbot, including placing greater emphasis on a strengths based approach to service provision.
- 2.2 Set against a background of increasing demand for our services and economic pressures requiring budgetary savings, the provision of good adult social care support remains a priority of the Council.
- 2.3 Its focus is therefore on the promotion of the health and well-being of citizens so that they can remain independent in their own communities for as long as possible. In doing so, the work will embrace the following well-being objectives as defined in our Corporate Improvement Plan:
 - To improve the well-being of children and young people
 - To improve the well-being of all adults who live in the county borough
- 2.4 Neath Port Talbot Council's Draft Plan for Adult Social Care 2019-2022 appended as Appendix 1 covers the functions of:
 - Early Intervention and Prevention
 - Helping people help themselves
 - Older People's Services

- Complex needs: Learning Disabilities & Mental Health Services
- Supporting Carers

3. Monitoring, Review and Delivery

- 3.1 The Plan will be reviewed on an annual basis by Social Care, Health and Well-being Cabinet Board.
- 3.2 The priorities within the Plan are the basis of the personal objectives between the Director of Social Services, Health & Housing, and Head of Commissioning, Support and Direct Services. These priorities will be reviewed in line with the Council's performance arrangements.

4. Recommendation

It is proposed that the Neath Port Talbot Council's Draft Plan for Adult Social Care 2019 – 2022 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the circulated report be approved for a 90 day public consultation period.

5. Reason for Proposed Decision

- 5.1 This document sets out the strategic commissioning direction of Adult Social Care, to ensure that there will be a sustainable range of quality social care services to meet the needs of the citizens of Neath Port Talbot, through promoting better health and well-being of those citizens so that they can remain safe and independent in their own communities for as long as possible.
- 5.2 A key method of ensuring effective communication during the consultation period will be the dissemination of consultation and information materials including feedback questionnaires to key stakeholders. The consultation responses will be used to inform any proposed amendment to the draft plan, and the outcomes will be reported back to Committee for final approval.

6. Implementation of Decision

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

7. Equality impact assessment

- 7.1 A full Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) on the draft plan is being undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010.

- 7.2 It is not expected that the draft plan will have an adverse effect on people with any protected characteristic as all existing and potential service users and carers will be assessed on the basis of their individual needs and will receive the most appropriate service or be signposted accordingly.
- 7.3 As well as existing sources of data, the consultation will be used to glean information about service users, carers and families. The completed EIA will be presented to Members along with the findings obtained through the consultation process.

8. Workforce impacts

The Draft Plan for Adult Social Care seeks to ensure that all employees within the Social Services Health & Housing Directorate have clear priorities and objectives as part of the Council's performance management framework.

9. Legal impacts

There are no legal impacts arising from this report.

10. Financial impacts

The Draft Plan for Adult Social Care has been developed on the basis of the Directorate's budgetary savings for 2018-19.

11. Consultation

It is proposed that, with Members' permission, a 90-day public consultation exercise is undertaken. This will consist of paper and on-line surveys. In addition, officers will attend various groups and forums around the county borough to reach as many stakeholders, including citizens, carers, providers (private and third sector) and partner organisations as possible. The Consultation Document can be found at Appendix 2 of this report. An Easy Read version of the Draft Plan has been produced (see Appendix 3) as well a summary 'Plan on a Page' which can be found at Appendix 4. In addition, all materials will be available in Welsh.

12. Risk Management

There are no risks associated with this item.

13. Appendices

- Appendix 1 - Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's Draft Plan for Adult Social Care 2019 - 2022
- Appendix 2 – Public Consultation Document
- Appendix 3 – Easy Read Version of Neath Port Talbot Council's Draft Plan for Adult Social Care 2019 - 2022
- Appendix 4 – Adult Social Care Plan on a Page

14. Background Papers

The Social Services Health & Housing Strategic Business Plan 2017 - 2019.

15. Officer Contact

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