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Neath Port Talbot Council

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNCIL
NEATH PORT TALBOT SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING AND
COMMUNITY SAFETY CABINET BOARD**

13th July 2023

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF ADULT SERVICES – A. THOMAS

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected All wards

**NEATH PORT TALBOT ADULT SOCIAL CARE STRATEGY 2023 -
2026**

Purpose of the Report

To inform members of the draft Neath Port Talbot Adult Social Care Strategy 2023-26 (“Living the life you want”) and seek approval to undertake a 60 day public consultation.

Executive Summary

This Strategy sets out how Neath Port Talbot Council (‘the Council’) and its partners can support adults resident in the county to live as independently as possible with appropriate levels of social care and support.

Background

The purpose of the Adult Social Care Strategy 2023-26 “Living the life you want” is to outline the strategic direction of the Council for providing adult social care and support.

Social care is an essential part of the fabric of our society. At its best, social care enables and transforms peoples’ lives; whether because

they are becoming older and in need of care and additional support, or have support needs related to learning disabilities, physical disabilities or mental health conditions.

We have reviewed and reflected on our Vision to create a Neath Port Talbot where everyone has an equal opportunity to be healthier, happier, safer and prosperous. And a place where everyone participates fully in community life – socially and economically.

In many ways the pandemic has highlighted and reinforced our key aims and ambitions – to keep the vulnerable people of NPT safe, well and independent, living and receiving care and support when it is needed at home or within our local communities, keeping people out of hospital as far as possible, and enabling independence to be regained as quickly and safely as possible where a hospital stay has been necessary.

Individual choice and a flexible approach to service delivery has been vitally important, and listening and acting upon the views of our citizens and service providers will remain key. We have set out the strategy covering three broad themes:

- Helping people to help themselves (IAA, supporting unpaid carers, promoting Assistive Technology)
- Building relationships and making connections (unpaid carers, social isolation, remodelling Network teams, Prevention and Early Intervention, volunteering)
- Living the life you want (putting individuals at the centre of decision making, positive risk-taking, appropriate accommodation)

We are challenging and changing how we deliver social care in NPT in order to improve services, reduce our expenditure as we face a cost-of-living crisis, and live within the Council's available resources. This will put Adult Social Care on a sustainable footing whilst ensuring that people who need services receive them.

However, our fundamental vision for Adult Social Care remains – residents should live as independently as possible, carers are

supported in their caring role, and adults at risk of abuse or neglect are kept safe from harm.

Furthermore, the Strategy will be subject to regular review to ensure it maintains relevance.

A copy of the Draft Strategy is attached at Appendix 1.

Financial Impacts

Taking forward the priorities within the Strategy will be undertaken in line with the available budget.

Integrated Impact Assessment

A first stage impact assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its legislative duties (under the Equality Act 2010, the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Environment (Wales) Act 2016). The first stage impact assessment has indicated that a more in-depth assessment was required.

An overview of the Integrated Impact Assessment has been included below in summary form only and it is essential that Members read the Integrated Impact Assessment, which is attached to the report at Appendix 4, for the purposes of the meeting.

- No negative impacts identified at this stage and the indication is that the impact will be positive. Processes are in place to monitor the impact for any unintended negative consequences.

Valleys Communities Impacts

The Strategy is a high level document intended to meet the needs of the whole county borough including the valleys communities.

The consultation will help identify any impact on Valleys Communities. Furthermore, as actions to take forward the priorities within the Strategy are developed, consideration of the impact on supporting

valley communities will be given as part of the individual impact assessments.

Workforce Impacts

The contents of this report do not have any impact on the Council's workforce.

Legal Impacts

There are no legal implications associated with this item.

Risk Management Impacts

There are no known risks associated with this item.

Consultation

It is proposed that, with Members' permission, a 60 day public consultation exercise is undertaken. This will consist of on-line surveys. In addition, officers will attend various groups and forums around the county borough to reach as many stakeholders, including citizens, service providers and other partner organisations as possible.

A consultation document, an easy read version of the Strategy, and plan on a page have all been developed prior to the consultation. In addition, all materials are available in Welsh.

Recommendations

Having had due regard to the Integrated Impact Assessment it is recommended that Members grant permission for Officers to conduct a 60 day public consultation period for Neath Port Talbot draft Adult Social Care Strategy 2023-26 as detailed in Appendix 1.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

To ensure a range of good quality care and support is available to meet the needs of adults resident in Neath Port Talbot.

Implementation of Decision

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

Appendices

Appendix 1: Adult Social Care Strategy 2023-26

Appendix 2: Adult Social Care Strategy – Easy Read

Appendix 3: Adult Social Care Strategy – Plan on a Page

Appendix 4: Integrated Impact Assessment

Appendix 5: Adult Social Care Strategy Consultation Document

List of Background Papers

None.

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