

3 November 2014**Agenda Item 4****REPORT OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ADULT SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND PUBLIC
PROTECTION****ADULT SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION – LOCAL ACCOUNT 2013-14****Purpose of the Report**

1. To request that the Adult Social Care and Health Committee approve the 'Local Account 2013-14' for publication (attached).

Information and Advice

2. The Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) has recommended that all councils with social care responsibilities produce a 'local account' as a means of reporting back to people on the quality of services and performance in adult social care. Local Accounts were described in the Department of Health's 'Transparency in outcomes: a framework for adult social care' consultation paper (November 2010, section 4) as a way of being more open and transparent about the care and support that is provided locally by the Council.
3. The department has previously produced three Local Accounts for 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13. Although this is not a statutory requirement, it is a document which is viewed as a key means of communicating with a variety of key stakeholders. The information within the Local Account acknowledges the invaluable contribution made by our health and care partner organisations. In order to ensure we have rightly represented this contribution and have accurately described how we plan to work together in the future, we have consulted with key partners in the preparation of the final document.
4. The purpose of the Local Account is to make the people of Nottinghamshire aware of the work undertaken by the Department during 2013-14, in relation to both social care and public protection. It uses a combination of performance information, survey results and case studies to demonstrate how Nottinghamshire County Council has enhanced the quality of life for people using care and support services.
5. The Local Account helps publicise the range and scale of services we provide. It includes plans to develop our services in the current and future years in line with the County Council's Strategic and Annual Delivery Plans. The Local Account will be published as a council wide document and made available to the public through the Nottinghamshire County Council website.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and

where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Implications for Service Users

7. The Local Account provides information to people who use or require social care and support services about the types of services that are available.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) It is recommended that the Adult Social Care and Health Committee notes the purpose and the content of this report and approves the publication of the 'Local Account 2013-14'.

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Constitutional Comments (SG 20/10/2014)

8. The proposals in this report are within the remit of the Adult Social Care and Health Committee.

Financial Comments (KAS 17/10/14)

9. There are no financial implications arising from the report.

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972:

- None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All.

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