

**REPORT OF CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH
NOTIFICATION ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE,
HEALTH AND PUBLIC PROTECTION 'LOCAL ACCOUNT 2010/11'**

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Cabinet on the purpose and publication (in January 2012) of the ASCH&PP 'Local Account 2010/11'.

Information and Advice

2. Following the abolition of the Care Quality Commissions Annual Assessment and of the Annual Performance Assessment the sector has been looking at developing self regulation.
3. The Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) recommended that all councils, with social care responsibilities, produce a 'Local Account' as a means of reporting back to citizens and consumers on performance in adult social care.
4. Local accounts were mentioned in the Department of Health's 'Transparency in outcomes: a framework for adult social care' consultation paper (November 2010, section 4) in the context of localism and transparency, and in the subsequent 2011/12 outcomes framework published in March 2011. Responses from the sector to the Local Government Group consultation on 'Taking the Lead: Self Regulation and Improvement in Local Government' also included many positive responses to the wider use of self assessment as a tool for improvement and local accountability. This approach has been endorsed by the Local Government Group through their joint working with ADASS on the 'Promoting Excellence in Councils' Adult Social Care Programme Board.
5. The department was committed to producing a Local Account on performance in adult social care services, for the period April 2010 to March 2011, by December 2011. The purpose of the Local Account for 2010/11 is to report back to citizens and consumers on performance in adult social care around priorities, outcomes achieved and areas for improvement.
6. The focus is on the community holding the Council to account through the Local Account which demonstrates that the Council is improving through the lessons learned from the process. The overarching aim is that Local Accounts gives greater accountability to drive improvements and increase transparency on performance.

7. The performance assessment evidence is reported against the outcomes framework (Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework - ASCOF) that operates over four domains:
- Enhancing quality of life for people with care and support needs
 - Delaying and reducing the need for care and support
 - Ensuring that people have a positive experience of care and support
 - Safeguarding adults whose circumstances make them vulnerable and protecting from avoidable harm.
8. The following key stakeholders and partners were consulted and invited to comment on the content and format of the Local Account by the department's Senior Leadership Team:
- Health and Wellbeing Board (Chair)
 - Nottinghamshire Adult Safeguarding Board (Chair)
 - Primary Care Trust Chief Executives
 - Corporate Performance Improvement Board
 - Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health.
9. The subject of the Local Account was also discussed at the Corporate Performance Improvement Board and with other lead corporate stakeholders, these include:
- Corporate Performance Improvement
 - Corporate Customer Services
 - Corporate User Engagement
 - Corporate Communications.
10. The document has been published as a council-wide document and made available to the public through the Nottinghamshire County Council website. This authority is one of the few Councils nationally that has met the challenge to produce a Local Account for 2010-11.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, 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

12. Accessible information about service performance, improvements and future plans made available to service users and carers about services that they receive or that are available to them.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

- 1) Cabinet notes the publication of the ASCH&PP 'Local Account 2010/11' and the value of this document in providing information, to our citizens and service users and carers, on our performance and accountability.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 11/01/2011)

13. Cabinet is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report; it is for noting only.

Financial Comments (RWK 11/01/2012)

14. None

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.

- (i) A consultation on proposals - transparency in outcomes: a framework for adult social care – Department of Health – 16th November 2010:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Closedconsultations/DH_121509

- (ii) Transparency in outcomes: a framework for quality in adult social care - *The 2011/12 Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework* – March 2011:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/documents/digitalasset/dh_125686.pdf

- (iii) Taking the Lead: Self Regulation and Improvement in Local Government – Local Government Group – February 2011:

http://www.local.gov.uk/c/document_library/get_file?uuid=32847515-de29-4b2f-9305-49018085f595&groupId=10727

- (iv) Nottinghamshire County Council, Adult Social Care and Public Protection Local Account 20110/11.

<http://www3.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/plans/performance/aschpp-performance/>

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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