

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH
COMMITTEE****REVISION OF THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE STRATEGY****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of the report is to seek approval for the revised Adult Social Care Strategy, which has been updated to reflect the requirements of the Care Act 2014.

Information and Advice

2. The Adult Social Care Strategy was approved by Full Council on 27 March 2014. Its aim is to set the future direction of adult social care in Nottinghamshire and enable the Council to meet its statutory duties within the funding available. The strategy is in line with priority four of the Council's Strategic Plan, and with the Council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2014-2017.
3. The emphasis of the strategy is on promoting independence and wellbeing, ensuring value for money and promoting choice and control. It also aims to ensure that pathways and processes are as streamlined and efficient as possible, so that people get the right amount of support, at the right time, with the aim of promoting their independence for as long as possible. It also reflects the requirements of the Care Act 2014. Information and training for staff has been designed to explain the new responsibilities introduced by the Care Act within the context of the strategy.
4. A report was considered by the Adult Social Care and Health Committee on 30th March 2015 which reviewed progress made with the implementation of the strategy to date. In addition the Committee was informed that the wording of the current Adult Social Care Strategy had been revised to ensure it was aligned with the Care Act, which became law on 1st April 2015, and was asked to recommend its approval by Policy Committee.
5. The revised strategy is attached as **Appendix 1**. There have only been minor changes made to ensure it is compliant with the new legislation, and where amendments have been made these are indicated in bold text.
6. Major pieces of work to put the strategy into practice have started over the past year, and are progressing well. Many of these are linked with work that is required to implement the Care Act and to support the integration of social care with health.

Other Options Considered

7. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

8. The strategy requires slight revision in wording to ensure it is up to date and compliant with the Care Act.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

10. There are no specific financial implications identified in this report. It is intended that implementation of the strategy will help the Council to deliver savings and efficiencies within adult social care services.
11. The predicted revenue costs of the Care Act for 2015/16, including early assessment of self-funders, is £7.1 million. £6.7 million of this is being met from the Better Care Fund and new specific revenue grants. The remaining £0.4 million will be met from the Council's contingency, should it be required.
12. The costs for 2016/17 are being modelled and the Council is taking part in a pilot for the Department of Health modelling exercise to inform the Comprehensive Spending Review.

Human Resources Implications/ Ways of Working Implications

13. Council staff will be required to work differently as a result of the implementation of the strategy and are being supported to understand the implications of the strategy, as well as the implications of the Care Act.

Implications for Service Users

14. The Council is committed to providing good quality social care services for those adults who are most in need of care and support, and appropriate advice and information to prevent and delay the need for formal care and support wherever possible.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the revised Adult Social Care Strategy, attached as **Appendix 1**, is approved.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 21/04/15)

15. The Policy Committee has delegated authority within the Constitution to approve the recommendations in the report.

Financial Comments (KAS 11/05/15)

16. The financial implications are contained within paragraphs 10 to 12 of the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

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.

Approval of the Adult Social Care Strategy – report to Full Council on 27 March 2014
Implementation of the Adult Social Care Strategy – report to Adult Social Care and Health Committee on 30th March 2015

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.