

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Wednesday 20th March 2024 by the Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee.

Item No

8. ADULTS CARE AND WELLBEING BUDGET, RISK MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE

8.1 The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director for Adult Care and Wellbeing which sought to provide the following:

- Assurance regarding delivery on the financial recovery plan in 2023/24
- Timeline for business planning for the 2025/26 financial year
- Updates on the Use of Resources Delivery Plan
- Overview of risk management approach in Adults Care and Wellbeing
- Proposed changes to charges for the protection of people's property

8.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee:-

1. Approve the proposal to update property charges.
2. Note the update to the financial forecast for the delivery of savings in 2023/24.
3. Note the updates on governance and risk management.
4. Request updates on progress with implementation through our Budget Delivery Reports to future Committee.

8.3 Reasons for Decision

8.3.1 These recommendations are made to support strategic planning and operational decisions that are necessary for the long-term sustainability of adult health and social care and the long-term benefit of people in Sheffield.

8.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

8.4.1 For the proposal to update the charging policy for property searches and storage. The alternative option would be:

1. To maintain the current disparity on charging. This option was rejected as there was no basis to favour one group of people over another for cost of conducting property searches.
2. To provide storage for free. This option was rejected as there is a cost against public funds to provide the service. Storage has been provided free of charge, incurring costs that could otherwise be used to provide care and support. The

proposed schedule of fees offers good value for money for those who benefit from it. Establishing the principle of charging for this specific service is also a prudent step should external storage facilities be required in the future.

9. ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING DELIVERY PLAN UPDATE

9.1 The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director Adult Care and Wellbeing which provided the third update on progress made with the Adult Safeguarding Delivery Plan which was endorsed by Committee in September 2022. An update was provided in September 2023, and this update was a six month onwards update in line with the Cycle of Assurance approved in June 2023. The aim of the Delivery Plan was to ensure that there was a robust response towards safeguarding adults from abuse and neglect.

9.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee:

1. Endorse progress made with implementing the Adult Care and Wellbeing Safeguarding Delivery Plan and accompanying performance report.
2. Endorse the 'Safeguarding Responsibilities Guidance' document produced following the draft being endorsed at Committee in September 23.
3. Requests that the Strategic Director of Adult Care and Wellbeing continues to provide the Committee with updates on progress against the Delivery Plan on a six-monthly basis, including updates made based on ongoing learning.

9.3 Reasons for Decision

9.3.1 An approved delivery plan for the strategy gives a structured approach to delivery of safeguarding improvements so that Members and the public can be assured that Adult Care is delivering upon its commitment to protect people from abuse and harm. It will also provide greater accountability and transparency of how will do this.

9.3.2 Asking for regular updates and refreshes of the plan will keep the Committee, wider stakeholders, and the public the ability to hold the Council to account for progress and provide an additional mechanism to input to future development.

9.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

9.4.1 This is an update on previously endorsed delivery plan in line with recommendations approved at Committee. No alternatives options are available due to this.

10. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, EQUIPMENT AND ADAPTED HOUSING AND CITY-WIDE CARE ALARMS, TECHNOLOGY ENABLED CARE UPDATED

10.1 The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director for Adult Care and Wellbeing which provided an update regarding Occupational Therapy, Equipment, Adapted Housing and Technology Enabled Care services and the impact that had been made through the Delivery Plan agreed in November 2022.

The report detailed the activity underway to achieve an accessible, responsive and outcome focused equipment, adaptations and technology enabled care service.

10.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee:

- Notes the planned reviews of the Integrated Equipment Loan Services and adapted housing to take place during 2024 – 2025.
- Approves the updated Equipment and Adaptations Criteria at Appendix
- Notes the update on the delivery of the Council's Occupational Therapy and City-Wide Care Alarms Services including development of a fall prevention service as a partnership with Yorkshire Ambulance Service.
- Note progress in delivering Technology Enabled Care ambitions.
- Requests that the Strategic Director Adult Care and Wellbeing provides the Committee with updates on progress and outcomes in relation to the performance and financial spend on a six-monthly basis.

10.3 **Reasons for Decision**

10.3.1 The performance updates and focused delivery plan gives a structured approach to the promotion of independent living as well as how the service is addressing waiting lists and impact of the pandemic. It will also provide greater accountability and transparency of how we will do this.

10.3.2 Asking for regular updates and refreshes of the plan will keep the Committee, wider stakeholders, and the public the ability to hold the Council to account for progress and provide an additional mechanism to input to future development.

10.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

10.4.1 The alternative options considered were: Don't complete a delivery plan for equipment and adaptations performance and financial recovery. This would not provide the assurances required to ensure that we are striving towards a high performing and financially sustainable service.

11. **CARERS STRATEGY ANNUAL REPORT**

11.1 The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director for Adult Care and Wellbeing which provided an update to the Adult Health and Social Care Committee on progress of our multi-agency Carers Delivery Plan (2022-2025).

11.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee:

1. Recognise the positive progress made on delivery of the Carers Delivery Plan (2022-2025).

2. Reaffirm our commitment to people who are unpaid carers across the city, so they feel recognised, valued, and supported and request that the Strategic Director brings a report to Committee setting out how we will become a Carer Friendly City.

3. Acknowledge the future actions the Delivery Plan aim to deliver.

4. Request that the Strategic Director Adult Care and Wellbeing brings back updates every 6 months as an assurance on delivery of the plan.

11.3 **Reasons for Decision**

11.3.1 We want to be bold and ambitious and make Sheffield a carer friendly city. We recognise, value and support our carers and the vital role they have in our communities. We know from the first 12 months that the Carers Delivery Plan has positively impacted the lives of carers but there is still much more to do.

11.3.2 Carers are vital to our health and social care systems. They provide care to some of the most vulnerable in our communities and in doing so save the economy billions of pounds per year, however being a carer can lead to social, educational and health inequalities. It is therefore essential that we recognise, value and support those in a caring role and prevent inappropriate caring, especially with young carers; our Carers Delivery Plan empowers us do this.

11.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

11.4.1 Option – Not to update to the Delivery Plan – Rejected.

11.4.2 Now is the right time to reaffirm our commitment to carers. The Council and its partners want to continue to make Sheffield a carer friendly city.

12. ADULT CARE STRATEGY DELIVERY AND SERVICE PERFORMANCE UPDATE

12.1 The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director for Adult Care and Wellbeing which sought to:

- Provide a further scheduled update to Sheffield's Adult Health and Social Care Strategy, aligned to the cycle of assurance, setting out the delivery progress and what's been achieved.
- Provide an overview of the draft CQC self-assessment for Adult Care, including the full assessment document as an appendix, and horizon scan.
- Demonstrate how impact is being measured so that progress could be demonstrated in enabling citizens of Sheffield to live the life they want to live.

12.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee:

1. Notes progress in delivering upon the Adult Care Strategy Living the Life You Want to Live.
2. Notes Adult Care and Wellbeing performance at February 2024 in relation to each of the Adult Care and Wellbeing priorities and our actions in response.
3. Notes the planned consultation and engagement on the CQC selfassessment and our preparations.

12.3 The Committee noted the report.

13. ADULT CARE AND WELLBEING PROVIDING SUPPORT, MARKET SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSIONING PLAN 2023-2025

13.1 The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director for Adult Care and Wellbeing which provided the Committee with an update on Adult Care and Wellbeing Commissioning programmes in 2023/24, and priorities in 2024/25.

13.2 The report sought to provide assurance on how market sufficiency responsibilities as set out in the Care Act 2014 were being delivered, covering achievements and planned activity to improve sufficiency, stability, and quality assurance.

13.3 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee:

1. Note the trajectory towards the Fair Cost of Care, and proposals for future work.
2. Note progress with commissioning programme and priorities for 2024/25.
3. Note the Market Oversight and Assurance position at year end, and the establishment of the Monitoring Advisory Board

4. Note the approach to engagement and partnership working with Providers, and Voluntary, Community and Faith sector.

5. Note that the next Commissioning update will focus on Adult Care and Wellbeing Quality Assurance.

6. Requests that the Strategic Director Adult Care and Wellbeing continue to bring regular updates to the Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee.

13.4 The Committee noted the report.

14. ADULT CARE WORKING WITH PEOPLE DELIVERY PLAN

14.1 The Committee considered a report of the Strategic Director for Adult Care and Wellbeing which provided the approach to the CQC Assurance Theme 1 - Working with People.

14.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee:

- Notes the update to the Working with People Delivery Plan.
- Requests that the Strategic Director of Adult Care and Wellbeing provides the Committee with updates on progress against the Delivery Plan on a six-monthly basis, including updates made based on ongoing learning.

14.3 The Committee noted the report.

15. 2023/24 Q3 BUDGET MONITORING

15.1 The Committee considered a report of the Director of Finance and Commercial Services which brought the Committee up to date with the Council's General Fund revenue outturn position for 2023/24 as at Q3.

15.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee:

Note the updated information and management actions on the 2023/24 Revenue Budget Outturn as described in this report.

15.3 The Committee noted the report.