

Adult Social Care & Health Cabinet Member Meeting

Agenda Item 24

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Accommodation and Support Plan for People with Learning Disabilities		
Date of Meeting:	17th October 2011		
Report of:	Director of Adult Social Care/Lead Commissioner People		
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Key Decision	Yes	Forward Plan No: ASC 23659	
Ward(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for learning disabilities 2011 highlighted the need for a local accommodation and support plan in order to meet expected increases in need of between 54-135 people over the next 5 years with a greater increase (2%) expected for those with the most complex needs who will need a high level of 24 hour specialist care.
- 1.2 The aim of this report is to present the local plan and budget strategy for accommodation and support services

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Cabinet member agrees to the report and the 3 year Accommodation and Support plan (Appendix 1) attached.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 A Vision for Social Care: Capable Communities and Active Citizens set the framework for the future provision of adult social care. At a local level, there is a social care transformation programme to develop the workforce, increase personalisation and maximise independence through prevention and reablement.
- 3.2 Within learning disabilities, the Valuing People Now White Paper continues to provide the overarching policy context. Its key aims are to enable people to participate in society as fully as possible with a voice regarding decisions about their care.

- 3.3 To achieve this vision within the current financial climate, greater flexibility in service models is needed so that people do not have to move to receive support or to achieve greater independence. Greater flexibility to support people during the day within accommodation services is also needed so that people can gain independent living skills and access voluntary and paid work.
- 3.4 Nevertheless, having the right environment for people to be supported in remains important. The aim of this report is to set out what is needed both in terms of access to mainstream accommodation, supported housing and specialist accommodation for those with the most complex needs. The 3 year plan is attached as Appendix 1.

4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The accommodation and support plan draws on information in the JSNA for people with Learning Disabilities that was previously consulted on. In addition the accommodation and support plan for people with learning disabilities attached as Appendix 1 has been developed through engagement of the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board and sub groups. Any changes to specific services may require further consultation with the individuals affected.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The financial implications of the actions included in the plan are still being quantified. However, any costs arising from these proposals would need to be funded from existing resources and included in the budget strategies for future years currently being developed as part of the budget cycle.

Finance Officer Consulted: Michelle Herrington Date: 16/9/11

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The Local Authority has a statutory duty to assess and provide services to meet the needs of eligible adults in its area. In undertaking these duties the Local Authority must ensure adherence to the Human Rights Act 1998 and in particular Article 8 Right to Privacy and Family Life. In meeting these obligations the Accommodation and Support plan seeks to address local needs in terms of service form and provision, informed by a proper consultation process and service user preference. The Plan also addresses the need to ensure efficient expenditure of public funds by addressing the current mismatch between available services and need.

Lawyer Consulted: Sandra O'Brien Date: 16 September 2011

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 An equalities impact assessment of the plan has been undertaken and further assessment will be undertaken within the budget strategy process.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 The aim of the plan is to address gaps in local services in order to reduce the need for long distance placements.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 There are no specific crime and disorder implications. Nevertheless, the provision of short term crisis support and improved accessibility of supported housing services will improve support to people with learning disabilities with additional needs such as mental health, substance misuse and offending behaviour.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 This plan provides an opportunity to increase the range of local services to better meet local need through the commissioning of accommodation and support services.

Public Health Implications:

- 5.7 The aim of this plan is to meet the accommodation and support needs of people with learning disabilities. However, many people will have additional health needs which will be better supported within the right environment.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.8 This proposal will increase the range of services available locally for people with learning disabilities and so enable them to participate as equal citizens in the city of Brighton & Hove.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

No alternative options have been considered.

7 REASON FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

This report is required to present proposals to meet accommodation and support needs of people with learning disabilities.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendix 1

3 year Learning Disability Accommodation and Support Plan

Documents in Members' Rooms None

Background Documents

Learning Disability Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2011

