

**COMMITTEE:** SOCIAL INCLUSION SCRUTINY

**DATE:** 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2008

**SUBJECT:** ADULT SOCIAL CARE COMMISSIONING STRATEGIES

**REPORT BY:** HEAD OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE

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**IMPLICATIONS:**

**LEGAL** ✓

**COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**EQUALITIES** ✓

**ENVIRONMENT**

**FINANCIAL** ✓

**CONSULTATIONS**

**STAFFING**

**OTHER**

**WARDS AFFECTED: ALL**

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**PURPOSE**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with the final versions of the Adult Social Care Commissioning Strategies for comment and note.

These strategies went to Joint Board on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March from whence they were recommended to go to policy group. From there they will go to scrutiny on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June and Executive on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. At this point they will go to full public consultation for a period of approximately three months before returning to the Executive suitably amended in the autumn. Copies of the full strategies will be placed in the Member's room for information.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2. Social Inclusion Scrutiny is recommended to note the contents of the attached Executive summaries and the consultation plan.

## **BACKGROUND**

3. Local authorities are required periodically to develop strategies for the future delivery of Adult Social Care Services, based on an analysis of the likely future needs for care and support of different groups of people and showing how these projected needs will be met.
4. For commissioning strategies to have any validity in the eyes of people who require social care support, the general public and the Commission for Social Care Inspection, it is essential that everyone with an interest in adult social care services are given an opportunity to help shape these strategies.

## **REPORT**

5. These “Commissioning Strategies” are also expected to clearly demonstrate how the outcomes for people requiring adult social care support are going to be improved, how any identified gaps in provision are going to be met and how any developments are going to be resourced.
6. Although much work has been done over recent years in Luton within each of the separate customer groups to develop commissioning proposals for these areas, the Commission for Social Care Inspection have commented in their annual appraisal of the Council’s performance that these efforts have not been sufficiently well coordinated or coherent across adult social care as a whole and that the resultant separate strategies are not underpinned by the robust financial planning required to ensure delivery of the strategies.
7. It is for this reason that officers have now developed a consistent framework within which the common themes for improved delivery of adult social care strategies for specific customer groups sitting under one overarching social care commissioning strategy.
8. The attached consultation plan highlights that the process of consultation will be multi-layered: some consultation meetings (particularly the general public ones) will be focused on the over-arching commissioning strategy and general themes, whilst others will be aimed at the individuals and organisations interested in one or more of the four detailed strategies

around specific service areas.

9. Adult Social Care in England is facing an unprecedented programme of ongoing change and transformation moving rapidly towards a target for significantly increased 'personalisation' by 2010.
10. In order to achieve this in Luton we must redesign services and disinvest in more traditional approaches so that we can invest more in individualised support making a direct impact on peoples lives.

## **PROPOSAL**

11. There is not an option of not having an identified robust and coherent strategic approach to the commissioning task.
12. The commissioning Strategies that this report introduces are the early framework for this change, the detail they contain will need to be regularly reviewed and updated. This framework essentially forms the bridge between our current pathway and the pathway we will need to adopt to take us forward to greater service transformation.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

13. There are no specific financial implications arising from this proposal to consult on the commissioning strategies. The strategies themselves contain proposals for investing in some new services and disinvesting in others over a period of time and as such have financial implications. These proposals are included within the strategies on which it is planned to consult. These detailed proposals will be implemented in line with the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan to ensure that they are affordable. These financial implications have been agreed by the Finance Manager (Housing and Community Living) on 19 May.

## **EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

14. All the commissioning strategies have equality implications. Equalities impact assessments will be built into the formal consultation process (as is statutorily required) and the outcome of these assessments will be reported when the strategies are presented back to the Executive for final approval. The Equality Impact Assessments will also take into account the Social Inclusion and Social Cohesion aspects of delivering on such a wide social agenda.

## **CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS**

15. As highlighted above the Council is under a statutory requirement to consult with interested parties. The draft Consultation Plan is attached (Appendices 1 and 2).

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

16. There are no legal implications and this has been agreed by Richard Stevens, Solicitor in Legal Services on 19 May.

## **APPENDIX**

17. Appendix 1 and 2 – Draft Consultation Plan  
Appendix A – Adult Social Care Strategies 2008 – 2013 – An Overview  
Appendix B – Draft Strategy for Older People – 2008 -2013 Executive Summary for Public Consultation  
Appendix C – Adult Social Care Services – Draft Luton Carers Strategy 2008 – 2013  
Appendix D – Draft Strategy for the Commissioning of Social Care for People Aged 18-65 with a Mental Health Problem 2008/09 – 2012/13 Executive Summary for Public Consultation  
Appendix E – Draft Strategy for the Commissioning of Services for People with a Learning Disability – 2008 -2013 – Executive Summary for Public Consultation  
Appendix F – Draft Strategy for the Commissioning of Services for People with Physical and Sensory Disabilities – 2003 – 2013 Executive Summary for Public Consultation

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**

18. No background papers