

Report of: the Director of Adult Social Care

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Health and Care Scrutiny Committee	16 November 2021	N/A

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1. Synopsis

- 1.1 The Local Account is an annual report for Islington residents. The report provides information about how we are serving residents, our achievements, challenges, and future plans.
- 1.2 This report sets out the context for and key messages of the Adult Social Care Local Account for 2019/20 and 2020/21.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Scrutiny Committee note the content of the Local Account.

3. Background

- 3.1 It is good practice for local authorities to produce an ASC Local Account on an annual basis to:
 - Highlight the work and achievements of the Adult Social Care Department and partners;
 - Outline how the Adult Social Care budget has been spent;
 - Summarise feedback from resident surveys; and
 - Set out future aims, work, and priorities.
- 3.2 The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020 delayed the production of the Islington 2019/20 Local Account. As a result, officers have developed a two-year account covering 2019/20 and 2020/21. Officers from across Adult Social Care, Strategic Commissioning and Investment, Performance, and Finance have all contributed to the development of the report.

3.3 The Local Account 2019/20 2020/21 highlights that:

- Adult Social Care encompasses a wide variety of services delivered by the Council and by commissioned partners.
- Adult Social Care represents a significant investment for the Council and is an integral part of meeting the Council's strategic priorities.
- Adult Social Care strive to work with people, to empower them, and to work in a strengths-based way to support people to live well – this has benefits for residents as well as the health and care system.
- Many of the people we support are positive about their experiences but we are striving to improve services for all.
- Overall spend on Adult Social Care has increased with an increase of spend on support to keep people at home for longer. The department faces significant financial challenges in the years to come.
- Over the last two years, we have seen increases in demand and activity across Adult Social Care and are supporting residents with increasingly complex needs.
- In a climate of significant uncertainty, disruption, and with huge challenges Adult Social Care have continued to deliver a good quality service, drive improvements, and made key contributions to the Council COVID response.
- The pandemic has highlighted and exacerbated a range of pre-existing challenges – which are expected to continue into 2021/22 – officers have responded by working differently, more innovatively, and by driving transformation.
- Moving forward, the Adult Social Care department will continue to work at pace in pursuit of opportunities to deliver our vision, further transformation, to contribute to key Council priorities, and to respond to changing legislative requirements and operating environment.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications arising as a direct result of this report.

Any plans or strategies derived or agreed in relation to this report should use existing available resources and therefore not create a budget pressure for the Council.

4.2 Legal Implications:

The Care Act 2014 ("CA"), places a duty upon local authorities under s.1 to promote the well-being of individuals within its area; this duty extends to physical, mental and emotional well-being and applies to adults with care and support, their carers, children and young carers.

Section 2 of the CA 2014 places an obligation upon the local authority to provide services, facilities or resources to prevent and/or reduce care and support needs for adults within its area.

4.3 Environmental Implications and contribution to achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030:

There are no environmental impacts arising from the development of the Local Account.

4.4 **Resident Impact Assessment:**

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

A Resident Impact Assessment has not been completed because these are reports providing information about performance and services in 2019/20 2020/21.

Appendices

- Adult Social Care Local Account 2019/20 2020/21

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