

Resources Department
Town Hall, Upper Street
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Report of: Health and Care Scrutiny Committee

Meeting of: Executive

Date: 30 November 2023

Ward(s): All

Subject: Scrutiny Review of Transformation in Adult Social Care – Recommendations of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee

1. Synopsis

- 1.1. This report requests that the Executive receive the report of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee following the completion of its review of transformation in Adult Social Care. A response to the recommendations set out in the report will be considered at a future meeting of the Executive.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the report of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee be received.
- 2.2. That the Executive Member's response be reported to a future meeting of the Executive, including having due regard to any relevant implications of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee's recommendations.

3. Background

- 3.1. The review was held between October 2022 and May 2023. The overall aim was to consider transformation of Adult Social Care services in the context of the Health and Social Care Act 2022, including challenges and opportunities associated with this, new developments in services, and the greater focus on preventative measures. The Committee also agreed to the following objectives:

- To investigate the impacts of the Health and Social Care Act 2022 and the wider legislative framework, and how our response to this will impact on services and service users.
- To review the vision for Adult Social Care in Islington, and to assess if the council's current and emerging plans for future development and reform are adequate, with a particular focus on improved outcomes for residents.
- To review the access to adult social care services in Islington, demographic pressures, and the most effective operating models to meet those requirements.
- Focus in on how we are designing our services in a way that will prevent increased need and enable residents to live their lives as independently as possible.

3.2. In undertaking the review, the Committee met with council officers from the Adult Social Care service, representatives of Whittington Health, reablement service users and staff, and representatives of voluntary sector groups including Age UK, Help on Your Doorstep, and Manor Gardens Welfare Trust. The Committee also considered evidence from Kent County Council, to consider comparative information on best practice in their services.

4. Implications

4.1. **Financial Implications**

4.1.1. The proposals in the report need to be costed before a response is made by the Executive.

4.2. **Legal Implications**

4.2.1. Relevant legal implications will be considered as part of the response to the review.

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

4.3.1. Any environmental implications and contributions to achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030 will be identified as part of the Executive Member response.

4.4. Equalities Impact Assessment

- 4.4.1. 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.
- 4.4.2. An Equalities Impact Assessment is not required in relation to this report. Any equality impacts will be identified as part of the Executive Member response.

5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 5.1. The Committee has made 11 recommendations focused on modernisation of practice, collaboration and cultural change, and smarter travel. The Committee would like to thank all the witnesses that gave evidence in relation to the review. The Executive is asked to endorse the Committee's recommendations.

Appendices:

- Transformation in Adult Social Care – Report of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee

Background papers:

- None

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