

EXTRACT

DEPUTY LEADER

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Health and Wellbeing, Adult Social Care, Adult Safeguarding, Public Health and Children's Services including Looked After Children and Schools and Early Years:-

MONDAY, 14th September, 2015

Following consideration of the matters detailed below in the presence of:-

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| Councillor Morris | - | Executive Cabinet Member – Leaders Portfolio |
| Councillor A. Ibrahim | - | Cabinet Member for Adult Safeguarding and Adults Social Care |
| Councillor McKeon | - | Cabinet Member for Education and Schools |
| Councillor Greenhalgh | - | Major Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Mrs Fairclough | - | Major Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Martin | - | Minor Opposition Spokesperson |

Officers

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| Mr J. Livesey | - | Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services |
| Mr J. Daly | - | Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services |
| Ms. R. Tanner | - | Assistant Director, Care Management and Provider Services |

Mr. D. Smith	- Acting Assistant Director, Children's and Adult Services
Ms M. Bisset	- Public Health Lead (Corporate and Performance)
Ms J. Edwards	- Acting Head of Finance
Mr I. D. Mulholland	- Principal Democratic Services Officer

31. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which provided an update on decisions taken at previous meetings of the Executive Cabinet Member.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

33. CHILDREN'S AND ADULTS SERVICES GRANTS PROGRAMME : PREVENTION GRANT

The Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which updated the Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader on the applications received for the Prevention Grants and to seek approval to award contracts.

The report also sought approval to run a second round of Prevention Grant applications for provision based on gaps in services.

By way of background information the report explained that the Care Act 2014 (the Act) built on recent reviews and reforms by replacing numerous previous laws to provide a coherent approach to adult social care in England. Part one of the Act (and its Statutory Guidance) consolidated and modernised the framework of care and support law; it set out new duties for local authorities and partners, and new rights for service users and carers. There was a new emphasis on wellbeing and the new statutory principle of individual wellbeing underpinned the Act, and was the driving force behind care and support.

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Local authorities (and their partners in health, housing, welfare and employment services) needed now take steps to prevent, reduce or delay the need for care and support for all local people.

Furthermore, the Act included a statutory requirement for local authorities to collaborate, cooperate and integrate with other public authorities.

The report also mentioned that there had to be diversity and quality in the market of care providers so that there were enough high-quality services for people to choose from.

Anybody, including a carer, who appeared to need care or support was entitled to an assessment, regardless of financial contact with the council. The assessment had to focus on outcomes important to the individual and any needs currently being met by a carer should still be included in the assessment. The local authority then applied a national eligibility threshold to determine whether the individual had eligible needs.

The report went onto explain that the Prevention Grant was designed to fund activities that provided prevention and early intervention services for adults in the Bolton Borough whose circumstances made them vulnerable and/or disadvantaged. This might include frail older people, people with learning disabilities, people with mental health needs, disabled people and people from minority ethnic communities.

The Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader was informed that the Prevention Grant allocates funding to organisations to provide services in Bolton for between one and two years. Applications would be prioritised against a criteria list.

The Grant was about investing in -

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- Activities that prevent social isolation by promoting regular social contact;
- Services that used and built on local knowledge;
- Activities that improved accessibility;
- Service development, so organisations could reach out to more of Bolton's vulnerable people; and
- Organisations that provided low-level support to improve the quality of life of people in the priority groups.

The report went on to set out details of the award of funding in 2013/14 and 2014/15.

The Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader was also informed of the process for the Grant Programme and informed that a total of 17 organisations submitted applications. A sum of the bids received totalled £641,546 against a total budget of £322,200 and section three of the report set out details of those organisations who were the proposed recipients of the grant funding.

The Executive Cabinet Member Leader deferred a decision on the report pending further re-modelling.

34. CARE ACT IMPLEMENTATION – CUSTOMER JOURNEY (QUARTER ONE REVIEW)

The Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which set out the findings from reviews undertaken in relation to the customer journey through the Care and Support system following the first quarter of implementation of the Care Act and its associated regulations and guidance.

By way of background information the report explained that in April, 2015 Part 1 of the Care Act, Regulations and Associated Guidance came into force. In preparation for this Bolton Council re-designed its customer pathway for people with needs for care and support and their carers.

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To undertake this review a working group was established and frontline staff from all social work teams were invited. The group worked with the national charity, In Control, to create and test new Care Act compliant documentation.

Alongside this process was a new Resource Allocation System (RAS), moving from fixed indicative financial allocations to a resource range.

Alongside the revision of the RAS, the approval process was also changed.

The report also explained that policy, procedure and practice guidance was also produced to support staff to work alongside the changed customer.

The report went on to set out details in relation to staff feedback and customer feedback.

The Executive Cabinet Member was further advised that alongside the quarter one review of the revised suite of documents and customer pathway, the implementation of the RAS and national eligibility criteria had been reviewed. To undertake this review, data has been extracted from the Panel Teamsite to understand themes and patterns in the packages of care which had been approved by team managers and heads of service. The report went onto consider analysis around this matter including the financial impact of a revised RAS and points banding.

The report explained that at present an insufficient number of carer's assessments had been undertaken to draw any conclusions in relation to the success of the implementation of the new assessment process and the RAS / personal budgets for carers. Following a number of sessions with community carers groups, explaining how to access a carers assessment and further support for frontline staff in undertaking those assessments, it was hoped that quarter two would provide more meaningful data to analyse.

In conclusion, the report referred to matters around the next steps and indicated that regarding revision of the templates, templates would now be revised following the period of consultation described above and would be used in the configuration of the Liquid Logic system.

Further audit work was required to understand how the assessment and support plans had been put together and identify ways in which support staff could be supported or adjust the points system to be successful in an increased proportion of cases.

Testing of revision of the points allocation to levels of need would be undertaken and that modelling work on revised points allocations would be tested during quarter two.

In terms of quality assurance circles and culture change sessions with staff, it was explained that support to staff would be provided to implement the principles and culture of the Care Act in their own practice.

Also, continued monitoring would be undertaken and the Care Act Implementation Board would continue to monitor the use of the templates and implementation of the RAS.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Adult Safeguarding and Adult Social Care the Executive Cabinet Member Leader NOTED the report and APPROVED the next steps as indicated.

35. CHILDREN'S, ADULT AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER ONE, 2015-2016

The Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which provided the Executive Cabinet Member with an update on the latest 2015/16 performance information for the Children's, Adult and Public Health Department as at quarter one.

Outlined was the performance against the priorities of Bolton's Community Strategy and Public Health Outcomes Framework,

set out the main strategic priorities facing the Council in the areas of children's, adult services and public health and provided information on the day to day operational effectiveness of the Department.

Overall, the Department's performance against its priorities was good.

The Executive Cabinet Member Leader NOTED the contents of the report.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The background papers and reports in relation to the following items were considered confidential as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in their exemption outweighs the public interest in their disclosure.

36. COMMISSIONING INTENTIONS FOR A NEW INTEGRATED WELLNESS SERVICE

The Director of Public Health submitted a report which set out details of the commissioning intentions for a new integrated Wellness Service for adults in Bolton and also sought approval for consultation on the proposals, including with the current providers of wellness and wellbeing services.

The Executive Cabinet Member Leader APPROVED the commissioning intentions and proposal to consult on the development of a new integrated Wellness Service for adults.