



Mayor and Cabinet

Report title: Adult Social Care response to recommendations of the Digital Inclusion for Adults with Learning Disabilities Scrutiny Task and Finish Group

Date: 5 October 2022

Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

Contributors: Assistant Chief Executive

Outline and recommendations

This report informs Mayor and Cabinet of the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee following consideration of the Adult Social Care response to recommendations of the Digital Inclusion for Adults with Learning Disabilities Scrutiny Task and Finish Group. The Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the views and agree to provide a response.

- Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the views of the committee set out in section 4 below and ensure that a response is provided to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

1. Summary

1.1 This report informs Mayor and Cabinet of the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee following consideration of the Adult Social Care response to recommendations of the Digital Inclusion for Adults with Learning Disabilities Scrutiny Task and Finish Group. The Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the views and agree to provide a response.

2. Recommendation

2.1 The Mayor and Cabinet is recommended to note the views of the committee as set out in section four of this referral and agree to provide a response.

3. Policy Context

3.1 The Council's Corporate Strategy (2018-2022) outlines the Council's vision to deliver for residents. Delivering this strategy includes the following priority outcomes that relate to digital inclusion for people with learning disabilities:

- Delivering and defending: health, social care and support - Ensuring everyone receives the health, mental health, social care and support services they need.
- Building an inclusive local economy - Everyone can access high-quality job opportunities, with decent pay and security in our thriving and inclusive local economy.

4. Overview and Scrutiny Committee's views

4.1 At its meeting on Wednesday 21 September 2022, the Committee considered the Adult Social Care response to the recommendations of the Digital Inclusion for Adults with Learning Disabilities Scrutiny Task and Finish Group.

4.2 The Committee noted that a number of responses cited a lack of resources and/or budget to carry out the recommended action.

4.3 The Committee recognises the very severe financial constraints which have been imposed on Council services, with cuts made year on year despite increasing demand. However, the Committee also feels that the council still needs to signal its ambitions, without being disengenuous; and seek out creative ways, including working more closely with partners, in which to improve the experience of this extremely vulnerable and excluded section of the community. The Committee would like the response to be reconsidered and for a fuller response to be provided.

4.4 This referral was made following a vote, with one councillor voting against making the referral.

5. Financial implications

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the implementation of the recommendation in this report.

6. Legal implications

6.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the implementation of the recommendation in this report.

7. Equalities implications

7.1 The Equality Act 2010 brought together all previous equality legislation in England, Scotland and Wales. The Act included a new public sector equality duty, replacing the separate duties relating to race, disability and gender equality. The duty came into

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force on 6 April 2011. It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

- 7.2 The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
 - advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

8. Climate change and environmental implications

- 8.1 There are no direct climate change or environmental implications arising from the implementation of the recommendation in this report.

9. Crime and disorder implications

- 9.1 There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from the implementation of the recommendation in this report.

10. Health and wellbeing implications

- 10.1 There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from the implementation of the recommendation in this report.

Background papers

[Adult Social Care response to recommendations of the Digital Inclusion for Adults with Learning Disabilities Scrutiny Task and Finish Group – Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 21 September 2022](#)

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