



Healthier Communities Select Committee

Report title: A Vision and Strategy for Adult Social care in Lewisham

Date: 6th September 2023

Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

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Outline and recommendations

The purpose of this presentation is to provide members of the Committee with an update on the development of the Vision and strategy for Adult Social Care, in Lewisham.

Timeline of engagement and decision-making

Aug- Jan 2022 - Adult Social Care Staff Workshops

Feb/Mar 2023 - Adult Social Care Staff engagement to support appraisals and objective setting

1. Summary

- 1.1. The voices of people who access care and support should be at the forefront of conversations about the future of social care in Lewisham. The priorities outlined within this vision and strategy are based on what people have told us is important to them.

Our priorities also focus on delivering the many changes around social care coming from central government following the Social Care Reform white paper and the Health and Social Care Bill.

- 1.2 We have set out the priorities and the high level “We will “statements and will be continuing to work with residents and partners to work out how we deliver these aspirations.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members to note the high-level priorities for Adult Social Care.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1. The contents of this report are consistent with the Council's policy framework. It supports the achievements of the Corporate Strategy objectives:
- 3.2 Open Lewisham, by celebrating Lewisham's diversity in terms of an inclusive and representative workforce, by ensuring our practice and service delivery is culturally competent.
- 3.3 Health and Wellbeing, by improving conditions for care workers, supporting unpaid carers, by working with partners to deliver the services that residents need to allow them to remain healthy, feel empowered and independent within their communities.
Safer communities, by continuing to work in partnership to safeguard adults from harm, abuse, and neglect
- 3.4 Co-production is a key component of further developing and improving adult social care and forms a baseline for the new CQC assessments for Local Councils starting in 2023. Therefore, the lived experience of service users and their carers will inform our actions going forward.
- 3.5 ASC provides support in a variety of ways to people living in Lewisham who have the highest level of need, for example those with a disability, long term illness, older people, and unpaid carers. Close working with public health and wider sector partners will ensure our ambitions are delivered and we are therefore working closely with these partners to ensure our plans are aligned.

4. Financial implications:

- 4.1 Despite a challenging economic environment and market, we are challenging and changing how we deliver services to improve outcomes for residents, reduce our expenditure and make the best use of resources. Adult social care funding has been a challenge over the last decade and more so in last few years with changing profile of clients who are living longer and requiring more complex care (escalated even more after pandemic). This has created a big sustainability challenge for both councils and provider market. In recent years government introduced the fair cost of care which would have addressed a lot of the funding issues with social care. However, this has been watered down in 23/24 and so there is a mis match between provider expectation in terms of funding and the monies transferred to council from government. Hence the present challenge is trying to manage this delicate balance and sustain the quality of care for Lewisham citizens while maintaining a health provide market.

Budgets	
<u>Expenditure:</u>	
<u>General Fund</u>	£
PoC (Third party and Transfer payments)	97,446,753
Staffing	20,614,317
Other Expenditure	5,952,472

Internal Recharges	1,499,090
Total Outgoings	125,512,632
<u>Income and Recharges</u>	
Government Grants	(19,309,208)
Health Monies, Recharges & Reimbursements	(31,227,631)
Client contributions	(11,498,240)
Other Recharges	(556,227)
Total Incomings	(62,591,306)
Total ASC Net Budget	62,921,326
<u>ASC Savings</u>	£'000
20/21	2,832
21/22	6,891
22/23	764
23/24	2,855
Total Savings	13,342

5. Legal implications

5.1 Adult Social Care is bound by its duties under the:

- Care Act 2014.
- Health and Social Care Act 2008.
- Mental Health Act 1983.
- Mental Capacity Act 2005.

6. Equalities implications

6.1 Our vision and strategy focuses on equalities and diversity and ensuring the voice of all service users is heard.

7. Climate change and environmental implications

7.1 No direct climate change or environmental implications.

8. Crime and disorder implications

8.1 n/a

9. Health and wellbeing implications

9.1 Adult Social Care is working alongside Public Health to support the development of the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

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