

**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/22**

**HEALTH & WELLBEING SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

**20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

**REPORT OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR,  
COMMUNITY & CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

**Agenda Item No. 4**

**LEARNING DISABILITY DAY  
SERVICES OFFER**

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**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide Members of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee with the opportunity to contribute to the wider engagement and co-production approach of a new Learning Disability Day Services Strategy for Rhondda Cynon Taf.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members:

- 2.1 Note the information provided in this report and the attached appendix and scrutinises its contents
- 2.2 Consider how they can be involved in the wider engagement and co-production of the new Learning Day Services Strategy.

**3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 To provide Members of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee with the opportunity to contribute to the wider engagement and co-production of a new strategy.

**4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 At the meeting of Cabinet on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021, Members considered a report on the Council's Learning Disability Day Service Offer. The report provided key information evidencing the need to transform the Council's Day Service Offer for people with a learning disability in order to:

- respond to the engagement feedback from people who use services and their families and carers as to what they would like day services to look like and deliver now and in the future
- meet the current and future increasing need and complexity of the people we support and develop sustainable opportunities for them
- meet the expectations from people we support and their families and carers for more outcome based opportunities focused on individual progression and achievement that promotes independence not dependence
- recognise people's abilities, not disabilities, and that everyone with a learning disability can make a positive contribution to the community in which they live
- improve the delivery of the day service offer, including the current day centre buildings in the most efficient and cost effective way
- response to the impact of Covid-19
- meet the requirements of the Social Services Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 and other national and local strategic priorities

4.2 Following consideration of key information and issues provided in the Cabinet, including the feedback from the engagement activity already undertaken over the last twelve months, Cabinet agreed:

- the on-going engagement with people with a learning disability, their families and carers, staff and partners and the proposals to co-produce a new day opportunities strategy to transform the Council's current day services offer and future service provision in Rhondda Cynon Taf
- to receive a further report that presents the co-produced draft Day Services strategy for people with a learning disability for approval prior to formal public consultation
- to Treforest Day Centre remaining temporarily closed and for arrangements to continue to be made to support people registered at Treforest Day Centre and their families and carers to meet their assessed need.

4.3 A copy of the Cabinet report is attached for information at Appendix 1.

4.4 The intention will be to engage with a wider group of people that have a learning disability and their families and carers, including those who do not use services at present, or who are less frequent users and young people in school to ensure that these groups can contribute to the shaping of current and future day service offers. This work will define what is important to people in living a meaningful and inclusive life in Rhondda Cynon Taf, including of day and evening opportunities and support.

- 4.5 These engagement events and activities will be carried out over the Summer and Autumn, along with engagement work with other key stakeholders. This engagement activity will inform the development of a new co-produced Day Services Strategy, which Cabinet will receive for approval prior to formal public consultation.

## **5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 An Equality Impact Assessment will be completed as part of the co-production approach and will be included in the report to Cabinet for consideration prior to any future decision being made to change the Council's Day Services offer for people with a learning disability.

## **6. CONSULTATION/INVOLVEMENT**

- 6.1 The ongoing engagement with people with a learning disability, their families and carers, staff, partners and other key stakeholders, including Council's Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee will inform the co-production of the new Day Services Strategy.

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)**

- 7.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## **8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

- 8.1 The co-production of a new Day Services Strategy that meets the current and future assessed needs of people with learning disability and their families and carers allows the Council to meet its statutory duties as set out in the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014.

## **9. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT**

- 9.1 The co-production of a new Day Services Strategy supports the Council's People corporate priority - promoting independence and positive lives for everyone. It also contributes to the following wellbeing goals, namely: a Wales of cohesive communities, a healthier Wales and more equal Wales and due regard has been made to the five ways of working, as contained within the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

## **10. CONCLUSION**

- 10.1 In order to achieve the level of transformation required and ensure the Council's Day Service offer meets the aspirations of current and future people with a learning disability and their families and carers, Cabinet have

agreed a wider engagement and co-production approach to develop a new Day Services Strategy, which Cabinet will receive for approval to prior enter to formal public consultation.

- 10.2 The Cabinet decision provides an important opportunity for people with a learning disability, their families and carers, and other key stakeholders, including members of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee to contribute to the engagement and co-production of a new Day Services Strategy for people with a learning disability.