



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

DRAFT ADULT SOCIAL CARE STRATEGY

29th APRIL 2024

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN DISCUSSION WITH THE RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDER, COUNCILLOR G CAPLE

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Cabinet with a new six-year draft Adult Social Care Strategy (2024/30) that sets out our vision and priorities until 2030 and seek approval to undertake a targeted consultation.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- 2.1 considers the information contained within the report and reviews the contents of the new six-year draft Adult Social Care Strategy (2024/30).
- 2.2 agrees to undertake an 8 week targeted consultation to seek the views of residents, partners and other key stakeholders, on the future strategy, vision and priorities for adult social care in Rhondda Cynon Taf as set out in Appendix 1.
- 2.3 subject to 2.2 above, agrees to receive a further report detailing the outcome of the proposed targeted consultation prior to any final decision being made in relation to the future strategy for adult social care in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 In order to provide clarity about the future strategy and priorities for adult social care in Rhondda Cynon Taf it is important that the vision and priorities for adult social care have been shaped by residents, local partners and other key stakeholder. Thereby enabling people with care and support needs, their families, carers and residents to understand how adult social care will work with them to live their best life.



4. **BACKGROUND**

4.1 At a time of real challenge and change, It's important we work together to deliver a new Adult Social Care Strategy. We understand the importance of having a place to call home, surrounded by friends and neighbours, doing the things people enjoy and with people looking out for one another. However, we know that we still have work to do to transform our social care services for adults both to improve the experience of those with eligible needs but also to manage our resources sustainably. This is within the context of the Councils financial pressures, increasing demographic demands, growing public expectations and a challenging workforce agenda.

4.2 The new draft six-year strategy for adult social care in Rhondda Cynon Taf (2024/30) sets out our vision and priorities, and most importantly how we will achieve them. A copy is attached at Appendix 1.

4.3 Our draft Council vision for adult social care in Rhondda Cynon Taf:

Every person in Rhondda Cynon Taf that needs care and support is empowered to live in a place they can call home, with people important to them, in caring communities that look out for one another, doing things that matter to them.

4.4 This isn't just an adult social care vision; this is a whole Council vision for adult social care that informs the people of Rhondda Cynon Taf of our intentions for social care.

4.5 Specifically the strategy emphasises our direction of travel in adult services to

- Encourage people to help themselves:
- Support people when they need it:
- Support people to live a good life:

4.6 Adult services will work to this direction of travel by delivering on the 6 priority aims that are:

1. To connect people to their communities.
2. To make it simpler and easier for people to be independent.
3. To support people to have a safe place to live where they feel at home.
4. To deliver a connected system of support.
5. For people to benefit from a well-trained, engaged workforce.
6. To continually improve the standards and sustainability of the service



- 4.7 The priorities build on the good work that has been done so far by our workforce and with partner organisations, but further transformation is required.
- 4.8 Once the draft is agreed Adult services will set out a more detailed 6-year plan to progress the work within our current service planning arrangements.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS/SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

- 5.1 There are no immediate Equality and Diversity/Social-Economic Duty implications relating to the recommendations within this report.
- 5.2 An EQIA pre-screening exercise has been completed and no negative impacts identified at this stage and the indication is that the impact will be positive. However, it is recognised that the implementation of a new strategy for adult social care may affect people with care and support needs, their families, and carers so it is critical that they are able to contribute to the strategy. The proposed engagement and consultation will therefore be designed to ensure residents are effectively able to engage and ensure their voice can be heard and actively influences the outcomes.
- 5.3 If Cabinet agree to the recommendations in Section 2 of this report, a full EQIA will be completed evaluating any impact of the proposed new strategy and this will be included in the subsequent report to Cabinet for consideration prior to any final decision being made in relation to the future strategy for adult social care in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

6. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no immediate Welsh Language implications relating to the recommendations within this report. The Council will ensure compliance with Welsh Language Standards if a consultation process is initiated in relation to the proposals outlined within this report. All recommended proposals if implemented will comply with Welsh Government's "More Than Just Words" Strategic Framework in Health and Social Care.

7. CONSULTATION/INVOLVEMENT

- 7.1 It is proposed that, subject to Cabinet approval, an 8 week targeted consultation exercise is undertaken. This will consist of on-line surveys, along with, officers attending groups and forums around the county borough to reach to key stakeholders, including residents service providers and other partner organisations. A consultation document, an



easy read version of the Strategy, and plan on a page will all been developed prior to the consultation. In addition, all materials will be available in Welsh.

- 7.2 The Community Services Scrutiny Committee will be involved in the process.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 8.1 Taking forward the priorities within the Strategy will be undertaken in line with the available budget, where appropriate. Programmes of work with financial implications will be outlined separately to seek approval will be considered as part of Medium-Term Financial Planning arrangements to ensure that spending priorities are aligned, where appropriate, with the Strategy, if approved.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 9.1 The new six-year draft Adult Social Care Strategy (2024/30) has been developed in accordance with The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

10. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

- 10.1 The new six-year draft Adult Social Care Strategy (2024/30) aligns strongly with the ambitions of **Working With Our Communities**, and in particular, the following Wellbeing Objective:

- **People and Communities** - supporting and empowering Rhondda Cynon Taf residents and communities to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives.

- 10.2 The draft strategy, subject to approval, would allow the Council to meet the requirements of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 and the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The strategy aims put adult social care on a sustainable footing whilst ensuring that people who need services receive them, promoting choice, wellbeing, and independence and thereby supporting achievement of the seven wellbeing goals for Wales and five ways of working, included in the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

11. STRATEGIC OR RELEVANT TO ELECTORAL WARDS

- 11.1 The new six-year draft Adult Social Care Strategy (2024/30) is strategic and is applicable to all electoral wards and residents of Rhondda Cynon Taf.



12. CONCLUSION

- 12.1 The new six-year draft Adult Social Care Strategy (2024/30) sets out our vision and priorities until 2030 and seeks Cabinet approval to undertake an 8 targeted consultation in order for key stakeholders to contribute to the strategy and ensure their voice can be heard and actively influences the outcomes.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Background papers

None

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