

**From:** Graham Gibbens, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

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**To:** County Council – 8 December 2016

**Subject:** **YOUR LIFE, YOUR WELL - BEING – A VISION AND STRATEGY FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE 2016 - 2021**

**Classification:** Unrestricted

**Electoral Division:** All

**Summary:** 'Your life, your well-being' is the new five year Vision and Strategy for adult social care in Kent.

**Recommendation:** County Council is asked to **ENDORSE** Your Life, Your Well-Being - A vision and Strategy for Adult Social Care 2016 -2021

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The 'Blueprint and Preparation Plan' which laid the foundation for the transformation programme in adult social care was endorsed by the County Council in 2012. A great deal of work has been accomplished since that endorsement against the backdrop of significant reduction of funding to local government since 2010. The new 'Your Life, Your Well-Being - A Vision and Strategy for Adult Social Care 2016 -2021 (Attached as Appendix 1), is in line with and supports Kent County Council's 'Strategic Statement' and the 'Commissioning Framework' outcomes and objectives. This new Strategy replaces the previous 'Active lives' Strategy. The Easy Read version of the Strategy and the Equality Impact Assessment are also available.
- 1.2 The new Strategy is based on the Care Act 2014. County Council will be aware that the Care Act has broadened the role of councils with adult social care responsibilities to promote the wellbeing of all adults with care and support needs living in their area. The new overarching Strategy for adult social care sits between relevant council-wide strategies as mentioned above and other specific social care group strategies.
- 1.3 This is a Strategy that builds on our past successes but firmly points to the future in how we intend to work with our partners - people who use our services, carers, providers, voluntary sector, health services, schools and colleges, district councils and other public services - to meet the challenges that we face. This Strategy sets out the overall direction that we intend to follow in the coming years, amidst the financial challenges and the ever increasing demand for services that we know are influenced by the changing demographic needs of the area.

## **2. Financial Implications**

- 2.1 The financial implications associated with the implementation of the Strategy are generally outlined in the Medium Term and Financial Plan 2016-19 and the specific allocation for the adult social care portion out of the Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Directorate budget.

## **3. KCC Strategic Statement**

- 3.1 Two out of the three strategic outcomes and supporting outcomes in KCC's Strategic Statement are key drivers for the Strategy. The first is the strategic outcome – 'Older and vulnerable residents are safe and supported with choices to live independently'. The second is the strategic outcome – 'Kent communities feel the benefits of economic growth by being in-work, healthy and enjoying a good quality of life'.

## **4. Consultation**

- 4.1 A draft version of the Strategy was published for public consultation between 30 September and 4 November 2016. The primary aims of consulting on the Strategy were to raise awareness about the new Strategy, gather feedback from stakeholders to inform the final draft, check that people could understand the draft and to find out if anything important was missing. The final draft document was considered by the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee at its meeting on 6 December.

## **5. The Report – 'Your Life Your Wellbeing A Vision and Strategy for Adult Social Care 2016-2021'**

- 5.1 The vision of the service "is to help people to improve or maintain their wellbeing and to live as independently as possible". The Strategy for adult social care over the next five years breaks down our approach into three themes, supported by four building blocks. The three themes cover the whole range of services provided for people with all kinds of social care and support needs and their carers throughout their adult lives.

- 5.2. The three themes are:

- (1) 'Promoting Wellbeing' which is delivered through services which aim to prevent, delay or avoid people entering into formal social care or health systems, by enabling people to manage their own health and wellbeing;
- (2) 'Promoting Independence' which is about provision of short-term support that aims to prevent or delay people's entry to the formal care system, and provide the best long-term outcome for individuals. People will be empowered to have greater choice and control to lead healthier lives;
- (3) 'Supporting Independence' which is delivered through services for people who need ongoing support and aim to maintain individual wellbeing and self-sufficiency, keep people safe and enable them to live in their own homes, stay connected to their communities and avoid unnecessary admissions to hospitals or care homes lives.

5.3 The four 'building blocks' of the vision and Strategy which must be in place to deliver the vision are:

1. safeguarding;
2. workforce;
3. commissioning;
4. integration/partnership.

5.4 The Strategy recognises the huge contribution that carers make to the lives of their relatives and friends. Ensuring those carers are supported in their role is a critically important part of this Strategy, as supporting carers is the most effective way of achieving our overall vision – to enable people to improve or maintain their wellbeing and to live as independently as possible. The skills, knowledge and commitment of carers of people who need ongoing care will be respected and valued by the team of professionals involved in providing care.

## 6. Conclusions

6.1 The document is presented to County Council because it serves as the next five year forward Strategy for adult social care and it sets out the overall direction of the service in the coming years, amidst the financial, demographic and operational challenges.

6.2 The Strategy will be considered by the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee at its meeting on 6 December 2016 and the Cabinet Member for Adult Social and Public Health will take a key decision to approve the Strategy.

6.3 Delivery of the Strategy will be through the next phase of the ongoing Adults Transformation Programme. An implementation plan is currently being developed and the details of which will be reported to Members in due course.

## 7. Recommendation

7.1 Recommendation: County Council is asked to **ENDORSE** Your Life, Your Well-Being - A vision and Strategy for Adult Social Care 2016 -2021.

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