

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda  
Item No.

Report of Corporate Director for People  
to

**People Scrutiny Committee**

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## **Services for People with a Physical Disability and/or Sensory Impairment Commissioning Strategy**

**Executive Councillor: Councillor Lesley Salter**

***A Part 1 Agenda Item***

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### **1. Purpose of Report**

This report seeks the approval of the People Scrutiny Committee for the progress of the Services for People with a Physical Disability and/or Sensory Impairment Commissioning Strategy.

### **2. Recommendation**

It is recommended that the People Scrutiny Committee approves the general direction of the strategy and makes comments on the strategy.

### **3. Background**

The commissioning strategy sets out the Council's vision between 2014 and 2019 for services to people with a physical disability and/or sensory impairment. Our goal is to assist people to access essential services and resources that non disabled people take for granted. In achieving this specific goal the strategy seeks to improve people's and carers' lives.

Nationally and within Southend there are increasing numbers of people with PSI and more of them have high support needs as people with more complex needs are surviving into adulthood.

The strategy is based on consultation with stakeholder organisations, carers and clients. The strategy fits within the context of a wider health and wellbeing strategy.

### **4. Corporate Implications**

#### **4.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities**

Healthy – Support Southend to be active and alive with sport and culture:

- To enable people to engage in socially inclusive activity and participate as citizens in their local communities.

Healthy – Reduce inequalities and increase life chances of people living in Southend:

- To provide equality of access to social care services, particularly to disabled people from BME communities.

Healthy – Continue to improve outcomes for vulnerable children and adults:

- To enable carers to feel informed, included and supported in their role.
- To empower people to have more choice and control over their lives through the extended use of personal budgets.

Prosperous – Enable well planned quality housing and developments that meet the needs of Southend’s residents and businesses:

- To enable people to live in their own homes as far as possible.

Excellent – Deliver strong, relevant and targeted services that meet the needs of our community:

- To develop strong partnerships to underpin the seamless delivery of care and support.

#### 4.2 **Financial Implications**

There are no specific financial implications or specific investments required. The strategy has the objective that we improve quality even as expenditure reduces.

Expenditure has reduced from the Local Authority in 2011/12 and 2012/13, partly enabled by an increase of Continuing Health Care expenditure, funded by the NHS.

#### 4.3 **Legal Implications**

None

#### 4.4 **People Implications**

None.

#### 4.5 **Property Implications**

None.

#### 4.6 **Consultation**

Within Southend there are a number of established networks where the Department for People engage in dialogue with local disabled people and other stakeholders about the development of service for disabled people. These include: Essex Coalition, DIAL, Terrence Higgins Trust, Southend Blind Welfare and RAD. Service users, carers and representative organisations have been involved during a workshop in November 2011.

We intend to go out to formal consultation once the strategy is agreed.

#### **4.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications**

This strategy is specifically focused on people with disabilities. Disability is a protected characteristic. The impact on this group and other protected characteristics will be assessed as part of an equality impact assessment.

#### **4.8 Risk Assessment**

Given the reduction in expenditure on this group, strengthened monitoring and review will be implemented to make sure that quality outcomes are achieved.

Levels of Continuing Health Care should be monitored to make sure that they remain appropriate.

#### **4.9 Value for Money**

The emphasis on enabling people to live in their own homes and with it a reduction in residential care will continue to enable the strategy to deliver value for money. The emphasis on choice and control will also help to deliver improved quality for the client.

#### **4.10 Community Safety Implications**

None.

#### **4.11 Environmental Impact**

None.

### **5. Background Papers**

None.

### **6. Appendices**

#### **Appendix 1 – Commissioning Strategy 2014 - 2019**