

Agenda

Adult Care and Well Being Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Wednesday, 18 July 2018, 10.00 am
County Hall, Worcester

All County Councillors are invited to attend and participate

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DISCLOSING INTERESTS

There are now 2 types of interests:
'Disclosable pecuniary interests' and **'other disclosable interests'**

WHAT IS A 'DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST' (DPI)?

- Any **employment**, office, trade or vocation carried on for profit or gain
- **Sponsorship** by a 3rd party of your member or election expenses
- Any **contract** for goods, services or works between the Council and you, a firm where you are a partner/director, or company in which you hold shares
- Interests in **land** in Worcestershire (including licence to occupy for a month or longer)
- **Shares** etc (with either a total nominal value above £25,000 or 1% of the total issued share capital) in companies with a place of business or land in Worcestershire.

NB Your DPIs include the interests of your spouse/partner as well as you

WHAT MUST I DO WITH A DPI?

- **Register** it within 28 days and
- **Declare** it where you have a DPI in a matter at a particular meeting
 - you must **not participate** and you **must withdraw**.

NB It is a criminal offence to participate in matters in which you have a DPI

WHAT ABOUT 'OTHER DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS'?

- No need to register them but
- You must **declare** them at a particular meeting where:
 - You/your family/person or body with whom you are associated have a **pecuniary interest** in or **close connection** with the matter under discussion.

WHAT ABOUT MEMBERSHIP OF ANOTHER AUTHORITY OR PUBLIC BODY?

You will not normally even need to declare this as an interest. The only exception is where the conflict of interest is so significant it is seen as likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.

DO I HAVE TO WITHDRAW IF I HAVE A DISCLOSABLE INTEREST WHICH ISN'T A DPI?

Not normally. You must withdraw only if it:

- affects your **pecuniary interests** **OR** relates to a **planning or regulatory** matter
- **AND** it is seen as likely to **prejudice your judgement** of the public interest.

DON'T FORGET

- If you have a disclosable interest at a meeting you must **disclose both its existence and nature** – 'as noted/recorded' is insufficient
- **Declarations must relate to specific business** on the agenda
 - General scattergun declarations are not needed and achieve little
- Breaches of most of the **DPI provisions** are now **criminal offences** which may be referred to the police which can on conviction by a court lead to fines up to £5,000 and disqualification up to 5 years
- Formal **dispensation** in respect of interests can be sought in appropriate cases.

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Membership

Councillors:

Mrs J A Brunner (Chairman), Mr R C Adams, Mr T Baker-Price, Mr A Fry, Mr P Grove, Mr P B Harrison, Mr R C Lunn, Mrs E B Tucker (Vice Chairman) and Ms S A Webb

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**ADULT CARE AND WELL BEING
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
18 JULY 2018****POST CABINET UPDATE ON LEARNING DISABILITY
CONSULTATION PLANS**

Summary

1. The Panel is to receive an update following Cabinet's decisions on 14 June 2018 in relation to two aspects of Learning Disability care for adults (Replacement Care and Day Services).
2. The Panel has been well informed of the pre-consultation engagement process and received feedback from events before the Cabinet met. Details of these meetings can be found in background papers.
3. Lead Officers from the Council's Directorate of Adult Services have been invited to this meeting.

Background to Scrutiny

4. Following Cabinet's approval of pre-consultation engagement plans for Replacement Care and for Day Services, the Panel has been briefed on plans at its previous meetings, 21 March 2018 regarding engagement on Replacement Care and on 22 January 2018 for Day Services. The reports and minutes of the Panel's discussions with Council officers and some stakeholder representatives on 22 January and 21 March are available [here](#)
5. At the Panel's recommendation, all councillors have been made aware of the informal engagement meetings and were invited to attend.
6. Whilst supporting the Directorate's open approach to engagement the Panel asked to be kept informed about emerging feedback from the engagement exercises and also requested a broader session on the direction of overall Learning Disability Services, to provide the wider context, especially for newer Panel members. On the 18 May 2018 the Panel were provided with an overview of Learning Disability Services and an update on the engagement undertaken for both day services and replacement care.
7. The feedback from the engagement on Learning Disability Day Services and Replacement Care has been used to inform two reports which were presented to the meeting of Cabinet on 14 June 2018.

Recommendations endorsed by 14 June 2018 Cabinet - Day Services

8. The Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Adult Social Care recommended that Cabinet:

a) noted the results and feedback to date from pre-consultation engagement with individuals using services, carers, staff and other stakeholders in relation to Council-provided day services for adults with a Learning Disability and the Connect Short-term Service;

b) noted the engagement findings in relation to the value and impact of the Connect Short-term Service for adults with lower and medium levels of need, and endorsed the intention to explore options for remodelling the service, including exploring in detail the option of aligning the service with the ongoing development of the Three Conversation Model; this will also include options for the Wyre Forest Connect reception desk service and the Wyre Forest Connect drop-in services;

c) endorsed the intention, in relation to the Council's four Resource Centres, for commissioners to work with the Council's Adult Social Care Provider Services to develop strategies for cost reduction and/or income generation in order to reduce the gap between the cost of the in-house services and the external sector;

d) authorised the Director of Adult Services to finalise consultation documentation and commence formal consultation with people using services and carers on the proposal to close the Wyre Forest Connect Long-term Learning Disability Day Service and the re-provision of services for the seven individuals who currently use this service. Consultation to commence in early July 2018 for a proposed period of 12 weeks;

e) endorsed the intention, in relation to the other six Connect Learning Disability Day Services, Connect Drop-in Services and Leisure Link, for commissioners to work with the Council's Adult Social Care Provider Services to produce options to develop strategies for cost reduction and/or income generation to reduce the gap between the cost of the in-house services and the external sector;

f) approved the permanent relocation of Connect Droitwich, previously based at Kingfields in Droitwich, to the Wendron Centre, Bromsgrove;

g) requested that a further report/reports be brought to Cabinet by November 2018 to include the results of the work outlined in (b) above, with consequent recommendations for formal consultation as required, and the results of the formal consultation outlined in (d) above.

9. All of these recommendations were endorsed by Cabinet on 14 June 2018. Work is now underway to deliver on these recommendations and an update on progress will be presented at the meeting of the Panel on 18 July 2018.

Recommendations endorsed by 14 June 2018 Cabinet - Replacement Care

10. The Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Adult Social Care recommended that Cabinet:

a) noted the aim of improving outcomes and efficiency of replacement care (overnight respite) provision for adults with a Learning Disability, together with the results and feedback to date from pre-consultation engagement with individuals using services, carers, staff and other stakeholders, which has identified the importance of replacement care for people using services and their carers and generated many ideas about how services could be organised differently in the future;

b) endorsed the approach to achieving that aim, with the intention that the Director of Adult Services and her commissioners work with the providers of the commissioned replacement care services to remodel the way services are provided in order to meet eligible care needs now and in the future, ensuring maximum value for money;

c) noted that to the extent that any future proposals for service change require formal consultation, proposals will be brought back to Cabinet to seek permission to consult at a future date as required.

11. All of these recommendations were endorsed by Cabinet on 14 June 2018. Work is now underway to deliver on these recommendations and an update will be presented at the meeting of the Panel on 18 July 2018.

Purpose of the Meeting

12. Panel Members are asked to:

- determine whether any further information or scrutiny is required at this time;
- agree any comments to highlight to the Cabinet Member regarding:
 - the overall direction of Learning Disability Services
 - progress in reshaping Learning Disability Day Services and Replacement Care Services in line with feedback from pre-consultation engagement

13. In doing so, Panel members may look to consider:

- feedback from engagement with service users, carers and stakeholders and how this will be incorporated into next steps;
- the potential accumulated impact of any changes to service provision and how this will be managed.

Contact Points

Specific Contact Points for this Report

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Agenda and Minutes of Cabinet on 2 November 2017, 8 February and 14 June 2018 – available on the Council's website [here](#)
- Agenda and Minutes of the Adult Care and Well Being Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 22 January, 21 March and 18 May 2018, 16 March 2017 and 23 May 2016 – available [here](#)
- Agenda and Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board on 6 December 2017 – available [here](#)

ADULT CARE AND WELL BEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL 18 JULY 2018

SUPPORTED LIVING

Summary

1. The Panel is to receive an overview on Supported Living for people with learning disabilities.
2. Officers from the Council's Directorate of Adult Services have been invited to the meeting.

Background

3. Supported Living is the name given to housing and support for people with learning disabilities. Supported Living enables individuals to have their own tenancies (or to become home owners in some circumstances), with the flexibility to move house, or remain in the same house but change their support provider if they wish to.

4. The Council has a Supported Living Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20 (available in Background Papers). This is underpinned by the principles of the Learning Disability Strategy 'Better Outcomes for People with a Learning Disability in Worcestershire':

- People should be treated as individuals
- People with learning disabilities should be able to use the same services as other people
- People should have choice and be able to have control over the services they use
- People should be able to be part of their community where they live
- People should feel safe.

5. Supported Living includes a range of housing and support options, including clusters of self-contained flats and shared houses. Supported Living can be for people with complex needs (e.g. people with autism), people with profound and multiple disabilities (including physical disabilities) and for young people who are in further education, as part of a further education offer.

Supported Living in Worcestershire

6. As of June 2018, the Council was funding 367 people with a Learning Disability in Supported Living. This figure has been increasing and is forecast to increase further over coming years, as people move from other types of support into Supported Living. Since 2014, over 180 people have been supported to move to Supported Living and therefore become tenants in their own homes.

7. Working with partners, the Council has developed new housing schemes in Redditch, Worcester and Kidderminster, and future developments are planned for Evesham, Bromsgrove, Stourport, Malvern and Worcester. The Council is also exploring options to use some of its own sites that are surplus to requirements, potentially for supported housing development.

8. Consultation work with people with learning disabilities and carers typically indicates the need for a mix of different supported living and housing options that reflects the range of needs and aspirations of people with learning disabilities and their families. Based on a mix of housing options, the following supported living models are likely to be required over the coming years:

- Clusters of self-contained flats, including specific schemes for people with complex needs
- Shared housing
- Housing adapted for full wheelchair accessibility (either within a shared housing or cluster of flats environment)
- Further development of the Shared Lives scheme
- Consideration of the reuse or remodelling of some current residential care services including potentially through deregistration
- Provision within extra care housing schemes
- Home ownership, typically shared equity models with a housing association
- Use of family owned resources and properties.

9. As well as delivering better outcomes for individuals, Supported Living generally also represents a lower cost to the Council than Residential care. There are savings targets in place as part of the Council's agreed budget and savings programme (total savings target of £2.619m), to be delivered through a programme of managed moves from Residential homes to Supported Living, and the "de-registration" of Residential properties to become Supported Living.

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Background Papers

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- Cabinet Member Decision on 22 May and Supported Living Strategy - available on the Council's website [here](#)
- Agenda and Minutes of the Adult Care and Well Being Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 18 May 2018 - available on the Council's website [here](#)