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17 June 2014

**Name of Cabinet Member**

Cabinet Member (Health and Adult Services): Councillor Gingell

**Director Approving Submission of the report:**

Executive Director, People

**Ward(s) affected:**

All

**Title: Learning Disability Strategy (moving forward) 2014-2017**

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**Is this a key decision?**

No. Although the matter within the report can affect all wards in the city, it is not anticipated that the impact will be significant and it is therefore not deemed to be a key decision

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**Executive Summary:**

This report provides a progress report in relation to a renewed All Age Learning Disability Strategy for the period 2014-2017.

**Recommendations:**

The Cabinet Member (Health and Adult Services) is recommended to:

- Support the strategic themes for learning disabilities and the development of these in accordance with an all age approach to disability and integration with health
- Receive a further report at a subsequent Cabinet Member meeting to accept the strategy on behalf of the City Council, following appropriate engagement with health partners and other stakeholders

**List of Appendices included:**

None

**Background papers:**

None

**Other useful documents:**

None

**Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?**

No

**Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?**

No

**Will this report go to Council?**

No

## 1. Context

- 1.1 The City Council is committed to improving the lives of people with a learning disability through working with health and other stakeholders. The current Learning Disability Strategy expired in 2013 and work is progressing to develop a new strategy.
- 1.2 The strategy covers a number of strategic themes of which an all age approach to disability forms a central theme. Once concluded the strategy will be implemented over the three year period. It takes into account key policy documents including 'Valuing People Now' (2009), 'Fulfilling and Rewarding Lives' (2010), 'Think Autism' (2014) and the 'Winterbourne Concordat' (2012).
- 1.3 Enabling people to be supported in the community and close to home is a key priority for people with learning disabilities and a common policy theme . The delivery of this will be a key consideration within the strategy.

## 2. Structure of the strategy

- 2.1 The strategy is ordered in themes and incorporates the following:

- Getting and retaining Employment
- Being safe and having relationships
- Housing and Accommodation
- Accessing Local Services
- Having a voice and personalisation
- Supporting my family
- Improving Health

- 2.2 These themes will be underpinned by a number of operational and strategic plans through which specific performance measures will be monitored. These include:

- **Employment action plan** – This plan outlines the achievements of 2013 with a proposal to widen the range of people who could access employment by improving links with local and regional business. This will include the development of an employment engagement scheme.
- **Winterbourne Joint Strategic Plan** – The city has developed a Joint Improvement Strategic Plan, following the Winterbourne View report and to meet the requirements of the national plan.
- **Joint Learning Disability Commissioning Plan** – This plan has been developed which sets out key commissioning intentions across learning disability services for health and social care.
- **The Coventry Autism Joint Plan** - The Local Involvement Team (LIT) is a multi-agency strategic group responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of Coventry's multi-agency response to the autism strategy. The strategy will build on the progress made over the last 12 months to promote innovative practice and awareness within the community.
- **Carers Strategy** - The Council recognises and values the contribution carers make through their caring role and in supporting people to live independently. The carer's strategy sets out how carers will be supported.

### **3. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet Member (Health and Adult Services) supports the strategic themes and the development of a strategy with involvement from key stakeholders.

### **4. Results of consultation undertaken**

- 4.1 The Learning Disability Partnership Board (LDPB) held a Strategy Review Day in July 2013. Approximately 100 people attended and actively participated to ensure their views were incorporated in the strategy. People with a learning disability and their families were supported to have their say and inform the priorities in the strategy.
- 4.2 The development of the strategy has continued through the work of the LDPB and culminated in a follow up engagement day that took place on the 23 May 2014. Approximately 70 people attended the day, including self-advocates, carers and health and social care professionals. The final session of the day looked at different ways of engaging people including the use of social media.
- 4.3 Further consultation will take place through the LDPB to finalise the strategy.

### **5. Timetable for implementing this decision**

- 5.1 Once approved the strategy will be implemented over the 3 years 2014-17.

### **6. Comments from the Executive Director, Resources**

#### **6.1 Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Any future proposals contained within the final strategy will need to reflect the financial position of both the City Council as well as partner organisations.

#### **6.2 Legal implications**

- 6.2.1 The City Council has a duty to meet assessed eligible need for those who are ordinarily resident in its area and who meet the eligibility criteria, currently set at Critical and Substantial. In the development of its Strategy the City Council will need to ensure that it continues to meet this responsibility whilst recognising that the strategy will need to be reviewed in due course to take into account any changes under the Care Act 2014.
- 6.2.2 Under the public sector equality duty (section 149 of the Equalities Act (2010)). Decision makers must have due regard to avoid discrimination and advance opportunity for anyone with the relevant protected characteristics which are disabilities, age, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. "Due regard" requires more than just an awareness of the equality duty. It requires rigorous analysis by the public authority, beyond broad options.

### **7. Other implications**

None

### **8. What is the impact on the organisation?**

There are no implications for the organisation identified at this stage.

**9. Equalities/EIA**

An equality impact assessment will be produced to accompany the strategy.

**10. Implications for (or impact on) the environment**

There are no implications identified

**11. Implications for partner organisations?**

The involvement of partners including health and the voluntary sector is essential to the agreement and delivery of this strategy.

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