

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET EXECUTIVE

22 May 2018

REPORT AUTHOR: County Councillor Stephen Hayes
Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care

SUBJECT: Adult Social Care Improvement Plan

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. Summary

1.1 In anticipation of Care Inspectorate Wales' (CIW) Adult Social Care (ASC) inspection, the service prepared an improvement plan which followed the template set for children services.

1.2 The final inspection report contained 16 recommendations, two of which were:

1 - Senior leaders within the local authority must continue to provide strong political and corporate support for adult services to ensure service improvements are prioritised and sustained with pace.

2 - The local authority should strengthen the existing adult services improvement plan to ensure specific, clear and time-bound actions to improve access arrangements. This should include objectives to ensure sufficient management and staff capacity, contingency and expertise is in place to manage demand and to support good quality and timely decision making.

1.3 The report advised:

CIW will expect PCC to review and revise the improvement plan for adult social services in response to this report's recommendations within 20 days of publication. The improvement plan will be monitored during our programme of inspection engagement and performance review throughout 2018/19.

1.4 The revised Improvement Plan must therefore be submitted by the 30th May 2018.

1.5 Due to the challenging timescales this report recommends that Cabinet consider and note the draft Improvement Plan attached, delegating final approval to the Leader of the Council in consultation with the Acting Chief Executive Officer, the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, and the Director of Social Services.

2. Proposal

2.1 That Cabinet note the draft Improvement Plan and delegate final approval to the Leader of the Council in consultation with the Acting Chief Executive Officer, the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, and the Director of Social Services.

2.2 That the ASC Scrutiny Group be invited to consider and comment on the draft Improvement Plan prior to approval.

3. Options Considered / Available

3.1 No alternative options were considered as the CIW inspection report instructs the Council as to the next actions, as set out in the Summary above.

3.2 In order to ensure democratic accountability and oversight, the Improvement Plan will be taken to ASC Scrutiny for its consideration, and this report requires for final approval to be given by the Leader of the Council in consultation with the Acting Chief Executive Officer, the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, and the Director of Social Services.

4. Preferred Choice and Reasons

4.1 The Improvement Plan is attached as Appendix I.

5. Impact Assessment

5.1 Is an impact assessment required? No

5.2 If yes is it attached? N/A

6. Corporate Improvement Plan

6.1 The actions set out in the ASC Improvement Plan are aligned to both the Corporate Improvement Plan, Vision 2025 and the Regional Partnership Board's Area Plan.

7. Local Member(s)

7.1 This proposal will have the same impact across the whole County of Powys.

8. Other Front Line Services

8.1 Does the recommendation impact on other services run by the Council or on behalf of the Council? Yes

If so please provide their comments

8.2 A number of Council services will be required by the Improvement Plan to work with Adult Social Care in order to ensure effective improvement.

9. Communications

- 9.1 Have Communications seen a copy of this report? Yes
- 9.2 Have they made a comment? The report is of public interest and may require public comment and replies to press queries.

10. Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)

- 10.1 Legal: The recommendation can be supported from a legal point of view.
- 10.2 Finance – The Finance Manager notes the content of the report and supports the recommendation.

11. Scrutiny

- 11.1 Has this report been scrutinised? No

In accordance with the recommendations in this report, Scrutiny to be invited to scrutinise the draft Improvement Plan prior to final approval.

12. Statutory Officers

- 12.1 The Section 151 Officer notes the content of the report and has nothing to add.
- 12.2 The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows: “I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report”.

13. Members’ Interests

The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If Members have an interest they should declare it at the start of the meeting and complete the relevant notification form.

Recommendations:	Reason for Recommendation:
<p>1. That Cabinet note the draft revised Improvement Plan and delegate the final approval and submission to the Leader of the Council in consultation with the Acting Chief Executive Officer, the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, and the Director of Social Services.</p>	<p>To comply with the CIW Inspection report requirements and timescale.</p>

2. That Scrutiny be invited to consider and comment on the revised Improvement Plan prior to approval.	To ensure appropriate democratic oversight and accountability.
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Relevant Policy (ies):	The Social Services and Well-being Act 2014		
Within Policy:	Y	Within Budget:	Y

Relevant Local Member(s):	Councillor Stephen Hayes
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Head of Transformation for Adult Services
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	30th May 2018

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