

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting31st October 2013

1. Title of Item/Report

Adult Social Care Local Account 2012-2013

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on Adult Social Care – Local Account 2012/13.

The production of a Local Account by Councils had been promoted as part of the approach to sector led improvement. It was also seen as an element of the national Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework (ASCOF) which was introduced in 2011 as part of a revised approach to monitoring the effectiveness of Council provision for adult social care.

Although the publication of a Local Account was not a statutory requirement, there had been an expectation that Councils would produce a Local Account. The large majority of Councils did so for the first time in 2011/12 and were doing so again for 2012/13. There had been a commitment also through the North East Regional ADASS (Association of Directors of Adult Social Services) Group to support the production of Local Accounts.

The aim of the Local Account was to support greater transparency and accountability by reporting to residents, in an accessible format, on how the Council had addressed priorities and improved outcomes for those in need of social care, how the Council had responded to feedback from service users and other stakeholders, and what the priorities were for the future.

The Local Account for 2012~13 had been developed along the format of that agreed last year. The Adults Services section of Stockton News would continue to be used as a vehicle for providing updates on the priority areas identified in the document and for seeking feedback on development of future Local Accounts.

Attached to the report was the proposed final draft of the Local Account. This version contained the proposed final text for the document. Once approved, arrangements would be made to produce a version formatted

in line with the corporate branding, and including appropriate photographs and pictures. It was intended that the document would be made available via the Council's website. A small number of copies would be printed, for circulation to relevant partner agencies and community groups.

RESOLVED that the Local Account be approved.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Approval of the Local Account is required as a means of providing accountability to our residents regarding the Council's work in delivery of adult social care services.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on Friday, 8th November 2013

Proper Officer

04 May 2013