

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting12th February 2015

1. Title of Item/Report

Care Act 2014 - Cabinet Report

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the Care Act 2014.

The Care Act 2014 (the Act) introduced major reforms to the legal framework for Adult Social Care: to the funding system; to the duties of local authorities; and to the rights of those in need of social care. Being introduced in two phases, Social Care Reform, which would take effect from April 2015, and Funding Reform, which would take effect from April 2016, the Act had significant implications for local authorities. The report outlined the background to the Act, the key requirements under the Act, the changes that were required, the plans in place, and progress being made in preparations for Act readiness. In addition to preparations to ensure compliance with the duties under the Act there were a number of areas of discretion that involved local determination. The report presented the key points of discretion to Cabinet for consideration.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The report be received and the implications of the Act and plans in place to ensure compliance be noted.
2. The planned third All Member Seminar on the Act to be held 5th March 2015 be noted.
3. A wider review of charging policy be approved to take place later in 2015 when there will be greater certainty regarding the impact of the Act, in particular new duties regarding eligibility for services and clarity regarding April 2016 funding reform.
4. The decision to make changes to existing charging policy be deferred including the areas of residential care, carers, maximum charges, preventative services, light touch financial assessments and deferred payments until there is a wider review of charging policy.

5. The next steps and proposal to bring a further report to Cabinet later in 2015 be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To ensure compliance with the new legislative framework for adult social care and consider the key areas in which the Act introduces new discretions.

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, 20th February 2015

Proper Officer
16 February 2015