

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting10th September 2015

1. Title of Item/Report

Adult Social Care Local Account 2014-2015

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report presented the Local Account, which provided an overview of progress and achievements in Adult Social Care during 2014~15.

The production of a Local Account by Councils had been promoted as part of the approach to sector led improvement. Although it was not a statutory requirement, there had been an expectation that Councils would produce a Local Account and the large majority of Councils did so. There was 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 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 and what the priorities were for the future.

Attached to the report was the proposed final draft of the Local Account 2014~15. This was the fourth Local Account and, whilst the format was similar to previous years, the emphasis had been on producing a briefer document, written and presented in a more user friendly format. The attached draft was the plain text version of 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.

The Local Account is scheduled for approval and publication in September, earlier than previous years. Previously, final publication of the Local Account had been in the December / January period, to allow for inclusion of final published national performance and benchmarking data. The intention was to issue the Local Account in September, once approved by Cabinet, then to produce a brief follow-up article in Stockton

News (in Spring 2016) giving an overview of the published national performance data for 2014-15.

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

18th September 2015

Proper Officer
14 September 2015