

## CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

**REPORT OF CORPORATE  
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

### **CABINET DECISION**

**Adult Services and Health – Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Beall**

#### **ADULT SOCIAL CARE – LOCAL ACCOUNT 2014~15**

1. Summary

This report presents for approval the Local Account, which provides an overview of progress and achievements in Adult Social Care during 2014~15.

2. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Local Account be approved.

3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

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. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members) should consider whether they have a personal interest in any item, as defined in **paragraphs 9 and 11** of the Council's code of conduct and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with and/or taking account of **paragraphs 12 - 17** of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 16** of the code, in any business of the Council he/she must then, **in accordance with paragraph 18** of the code, consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest and the business:-

- affects the members financial position or the financial position of a person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code, or
- relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to the member or any person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code.

A Member with a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, may attend the meeting but must not take part in the consideration and voting upon the relevant item of business. However, a member with such an interest may make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to that business before the business is considered or voted on, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under a statutory right or otherwise (**paragraph 19** of the code)

Members may participate in any discussion and vote on a matter in which they have an interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, where that interest relates to functions of the Council detailed in **paragraph 20** of the code.

### **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

It is a criminal offence for a member to participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which he/she has a disclosable pecuniary interest (and where an appropriate dispensation has not been granted) **paragraph 21** of the code.

Members are required to comply with any procedural rule adopted by the Council which requires a member to leave the meeting room whilst the meeting is discussing a matter in which that member has a disclosable pecuniary interest (**paragraph 22** of the code)

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Local Account be approved.

**DETAIL**

1. The production of a Local Account by Councils has been promoted as part of the approach to sector led improvement. Although it is not a statutory requirement, there has been an expectation that Councils will produce a Local Account and the large majority of Councils now do so. There is a commitment also through the North East Regional ADASS (Association of Directors of Adult Social Services) Group to support the production of Local Accounts.
2. The aim of the Local Account is to support greater accountability by reporting to residents, in an accessible format, on how we think we have addressed priorities and improved outcomes for those in need of social care and what our priorities are for the future.
3. Attached is the proposed final draft of the Local Account 2014~15. This is our fourth Local Account and, whilst the format is similar to previous years, the emphasis this year has been on producing a briefer document, written and presented in a more user friendly format. The attached draft is the plain text version of the document; once approved, arrangements will be made to produce a version formatted in line with the corporate branding, and including appropriate photographs and pictures. It is intended that the document will be made available via the Council's website.
4. This Local Account is scheduled for approval and publication in September, earlier than previous years. Previously, final publication of the Local Account has been in the December / January period, to allow for inclusion of final published national performance and benchmarking data. The intention this year is 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.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5. There are no resource implications arising from publication of the Local Account.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

6. None.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

7. Publication of the Local Account is low risk.

## **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS**

8. The Local Account provides evidence of progress in delivery of the Community Strategy – particularly the Adults Services theme, as well as themes for Community Safety and Health & Wellbeing.

## **EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

9. As an account of past performance and progress, there are no new issues of practice, procedure or policy arising from the Local Account; accordingly, an equalities impact assessment is not required.

## **CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS**

10. Consultation took place regarding the format and style of the Local Account document when it was first produced in 2012.

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Education related? No

Background Papers: None

### Ward(s) and Ward Councillors

The Local Account is of interest to all Councillors, and will be in the public domain once approved by Cabinet.

### Property

No implications.