

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....19th May 2022

1. Title of Item/Report

Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee - Scrutiny Review of Day Opportunities for Adults

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to the final report that presented the outcome of the Adult Social Care & Health Select Committee Scrutiny Review of Day Opportunities for Adults.

RESOLVED that:-

1. SBC and its relevant partners continue working with people accessing services and their families / carers to understand demand for both traditional building-based day service provision and community-based activities. This should include:

a) The creation of co-production groups that can support the future development of day opportunities;

b) Specific work with those who remain reluctant to return to building-based provision as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic (engagement to learn of obstacles / changes in support requirements);

c) Considerations around preferences of those with particular needs (including potential for mixing between those with differing needs) and differing demographics (e.g. younger adults);

d) Continuing investigations into access to meaningful opportunities as part of a residential placement.

e) Considerations around the potential for assisting with identified transportation needs (e.g. ensuring public / private transport options are accessible and respond to the needs of people who use day opportunities);

f) Changes to the existing budget for SBC in-house and commissioned services.

- 2) There is an assessment of the information provided around personal budgets and the options available to people, ensuring this is disseminated in a variety of formats (not just online);
- 3) SBC Adults and Health and Children's Services directorates reinforce joint-working to identify and support opportunities that are most meaningful to younger people (including a reflection on any updated results from the Disabled Children's Team online survey), and strengthen the dissemination of information about existing services;
- 4) SBC to follow-up with Catalyst regarding the views of the wider VCSE sector around future day opportunities involvement (e.g. promotion of / access to existing VCSE activity, potential funding streams, volunteering);
- 5) SBC and its relevant health, social care and VCSE partners share and work towards an agreed vision for day opportunities across the Borough through the most appropriate mechanism (existing or new);
- 6) All existing SBC in-house and commissioned day service providers ensure they have a mechanism for enabling the families / carers of people accessing services to regularly share their views with the provider, and each other, on existing and future service delivery;
- 7) SBC ensures, as far as possible, that work experience undertaken by those individuals accessing day services is appropriately recognised;
- 8) SBC strengthens links between existing day service providers through the creation of a new peer group to share good practice / resources (inc. volunteering opportunities as a gateway to employment).

3. Reasons for the Decision

This topic was included on the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2021-2022. The review is now complete, and the recommendations have been endorsed by the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee for submission to Cabinet.

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 - 27th May 2022

Proper Officer  
23 May 2022