

Cabinet

A meeting of Cabinet was held on Thursday, 19th May, 2022.

Present: Cllr Robert Cook (Chair), Cllr Jim Beall, Cllr Nigel Cooke, Cllr Lisa Evans, Cllr Mrs Ann McCoy, Cllr Steve Nelson, Cllr Michael Smith.

Officers: Julie Danks (MD), Beccy Brown, Julie Butcher, Nigel Hart, Jonathan Nertney (CS), Chris Renahan (FD&BS), Reuben Kench (E,L&CS), Ann Workman (AH).

Also in attendance: Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Evaline Cunningham, Cllr Clare Gamble, Cllr Lynn Hall.

Apologies: None

CAB Evacuation Procedure

102/21

The Evacuation Procedure was noted.

CAB Declarations of Interest

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CAB Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st April 2022 - For Approval/Signature

104/21

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st April 2022 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

CAB Public Sector Equality Duty

105/21

Cabinet noted that the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) required public bodies to consider all individuals when carrying out their day-to-day work – in shaping policy, in delivering services and in relation to their own employees. It also required public bodies to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities.

The Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties) Regulations 2011 came into force on 10 September 2011 and it required public bodies to publish relevant, proportionate information relating to:

- employees who share protected characteristics;
- people who are affected by the public body's policies and practices who share protected characteristics (for example, service users).

Cabinet noted the employee information that the Council intended to publish to meet the first of these requirements for 2020/21.

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

106/21

Cllrs Cooke and McCoy wished it to be recorded for transparency purposes only that they were an employee and board member respectively of TEEWV, whilst Cllr Nelson advised that he was a board member of Catalyst.

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).

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107/21** **Stockton on Tees Inclusive Growth Strategy 2022 - 27**

Cabinet was invited to endorse the proposed Council's Inclusive Growth Strategy 2022-27 which set out a five-year vision and ambitions in relation to inclusive growth. This would be supplemented with an Action Plan that, once developed, that would provide details of activities and interventions to support the delivery of the strategy.

Supporting economic development and inclusive growth were key priorities for Stockton on Tees Borough Council. The Covid-19 pandemic had clearly impacted on the economy with higher levels of unemployment and economic inactivity; with some age groups affected more than others increasing numbers of benefit claimants. However, attracting investment and creating jobs had and would continue to be a focus of the Council and was a key priority for the Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA). There would be opportunities for our residents in existing and new sectors and the strategy would focus supporting residents to access those opportunities.

RESOLVED that:-

1. Cabinet approves the Inclusive Growth Strategy 2022-27 and notes the intention to produce an Action Plan.

2. Cabinet agrees that any final amendments and agreement of the document design for the strategy be delegated to the Director of Finance, Development and Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing.