STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting ....8th December 2022

1.   Title of Item/Report

      Improving Quality in Care Homes

2.   Record of the Decision

      Consideration was given to a report on improving quality in care homes.

      There were 53 registered care homes in Stockton-on-Tees providing care
      and accommodation for older people and people with a learning disability,
      autism and mental health needs.

      The Care Quality Commission was responsible for assessing the quality
      of care in residential and nursing homes, however, the Council, as the
      commissioner of accommodation and care in the borough had a pivotal
      role in ensuring people's experience of care and support was positive and
      reflected their needs and expectations.

      The Council worked collaboratively with a number of organisations, such
      as North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust, Tees, Esk & Wear
      Valley NHS Foundation Trust, North East and North Cumbria ICS, and
      CQC, as well as Safeguarding and Infection Control leads, which helped
      to identify any issues or trends that were impacting quality in care homes.

      Collaboration and engagement had helped in identifying some challenges
      and issues the care homes were facing:

      •   Recruitment and retention
      •   Manager turnaround and resilience
      •   Wellbeing of staff

      The report detailed:-

      -       Current quality in care homes
      -       Care home engagement
      -       Quality improvement initiatives

      Regarding next steps further work would continue with adult residential
      and nursing care home providers to improve quality of care and to

continue to support them as they respond to any challenges arising.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Report for noting.

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

N/A

Proper Officer
12 December 2022