

## CQC INSPECTION PREPARATION

### Summary

The Committee will receive a briefing on preparations for the anticipated Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) adult social care services.

### Detail

1. From April 2023, the CQCs responsibilities include looking at how well Local Authorities are meeting their duties under Part 1 of the [Care Act 2014](#).
2. These assessments use a subset of quality statements from the CQCs new single assessment framework. They are structured specifically around the context, aims and roles of a Local Authority and focus on four themes:
  - How Local Authorities work with people
  - How Local Authorities provide support
  - How Local Authorities ensure safety within the system
  - Leadership

Further information can be found at <https://www.cqc.org.uk/guidance-regulation/local-authorities>.

3. The CQC recently (May 2024) published reports of the findings from the first formal assessments completed under this new responsibility to assess how Local Authorities are meeting their adult social care duties – see <https://www.cqc.org.uk/news/first-local-authority-assessment-reports-published>.
4. The SBC Director of Adults, Health and Wellbeing, accompanied by relevant other SBC officers, is scheduled to be in attendance to outline the Council's preparations for this anticipated inspection. A briefing report has been collated and is supplemented by a draft self-assessment document, both of which are included within these meeting papers.

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