

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024**

**REPORT OF SENIOR  
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

**CABINET DECISION**

**Adults Social Care - Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Pauline Beall**

**LOCAL ACCOUNT FOR ADULTS, HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

**SUMMARY**

The Making it Real Board (the strategic group for co-production, made up of people with lived experience of care and support along with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Council Officers) were asked by the Director of Adults, Health and Wellbeing to co-produce a Local Account for the Adults Health and Wellbeing Directorate.

The Local Account is a brief document to be published and shared with our citizens to celebrate the successes across the Adults, Health and Wellbeing Directorate over the last year, to share the challenges and agree the priorities for the year ahead.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS/DECISIONS**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The report be noted
2. Agree and endorse the Local Account for Adults Health & Wellbeing 2024.

**DETAIL**

1. The Making it Real Board was formed in January 2024 as a strategic group for co-production. The Board is made up of local people with lived experience of drawing on care and support (social care, health or wellbeing services) in Stockton-on-Tees, working in equal partnership with Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council.
2. The Director of Adults, Health and Wellbeing asked the Making it Real Board to co-produce a Local Account for 2024. Whilst it is not mandatory to publish a Local Account, it is considered good practice as a way of reflecting on a Local Authority's Adult Social Care functions over the last year, improvements made, and its priorities for the year ahead. In order to acknowledge the achievements, challenges and priorities across the whole Directorate, the request was for the Local Account to span all of the Council's Adults Health and Wellbeing services.
3. Examples of Local Accounts were gathered and shared at the Making it Real Board as a starting point. A small working group was formed in April 2024 comprising some members of the Making it Real Board and Council Officers from two service areas within the Adults

Health and Wellbeing Directorate. Officers from Adults Social Care, Public Health, Housing and A Fairer Stockton-on-Tees and Public Health were asked to share information about specific achievements, challenges and future priorities in those areas, to be considered for the Local Account.

4. Progress on the Local Account was brought back to each Making it Real Board meeting at each part of its development, for direction and agreement.
5. In its latter stages, members of the working group have liaised with the Council's Communication and Design and Print Teams to prepare the document for publication within the parameters of the Council's branding requirements, with the aim of maintaining the fidelity of the original document design as far as possible.
6. The Local Account will be a public document for all citizens across all wards in the Borough.

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS**

The Local Account has no direct impact on any protected characteristics: it is a public report and does not directly change how we provide services.

However, the Local Account will be of interest to people accessing services, or providing care (paid or unpaid) in Stockton on Tees and the family/friends of people drawing on care and support.

### **CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS**

This report does not contain any corporate parenting implications.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no identified financial implications.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal implications.

### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

**The Local Account is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.**

### **WARDS AFFECTED AND CONSULTATION WITH WARD/COUNCILLORS**

The Local Account will be published for sharing across all of Stockton-on-Tees. It is not anticipated that there will be any specific impact on any specific wards.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There are no background papers to note.

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