

Bath & North East Somerset Council		
MEETING:	Healthier Communities & Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel	
MEETING DATE:	8 <sup>th</sup> July 2008	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
TITLE:	Transformation of Social Care	
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Appendix 1: PowerPoint Presentation – Transformation of Social Care		

## 1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 This report outlines the main themes contained within 'Putting People First', the Government vision and commitment to the transformation of the Adult Social Care

## 2 RECOMMENDATION

The Panel is asked to:

- 2.1 Note the key messages of the transformation agenda and the progress to date towards achieving whole system change.
- 2.2 Provide a view on the scope and focus for the emerging transformation strategy and delivery plan.

### **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications to this report although it is anticipated that the process of transformation will result in efficiencies in relation to both service delivery to the distribution of financial and/or other Partnership resources. It is not possible at this stage to quantify any such efficiencies.
- 3.2 The transformation programme is supported by a ring fenced Social Care Reform Grant, the details of which are outlined in Appendix 1.

### **4 THE REPORT**

- 4.1 'Putting People First' sets out the Government's shared vision and commitment to the transformation of Adult Social Care. The concordat builds on themes set out in the White Paper 'Our Health, Our Care, Our Say' and statements set out in the 2007 budget report and Comprehensive Spending Review.
- 4.2 Demographic challenges presented by an ageing population and the rising expectations of those who rely on social care underpin the Government's commitment to fundamental system change.
- 4.3 Key elements of a transformed social care system include:
- Commissioning activity and service delivery which is evidenced based
  - Commissioning activity which stimulates and incentivises the market
  - A focus on high quality advice, information, advocacy
  - Maximum choice and control for service users and carers
  - A single assessment process and single point of access
  - Person centred planning and personalised budgets
  - A focus on early and social interventions
  - Integrated working arrangements between different professions
  - Robust individual and public protection arrangements
  - Coherent mechanisms for ongoing public engagement and involvement
- 4.4 The Putting People First agenda is already well progressed in B&NES. An Individual Budgets Transformation Blueprint and Plan has been drafted to provide a framework for the delivery of several key elements. The Blueprint summarises what we already know about the impact of changes on our current operational model as gleaned from the Individual Budgets pilot.
- 4.5 A number of other work streams and initiatives support the transformation agenda, as outlined in Appendix 1. Expanding the Transformation Plan to incorporate all elements of Putting People First is now a priority as is the need to ensure that the framework for governance and performance management is clearly embedded within the Partnership.

### **5 RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 5.1 A risk assessment and mitigation plan will be undertaken and integrated into the emerging transformation strategy and delivery plan supported by robust governance arrangements, including Overview & Scrutiny Panel and the Health & Wellbeing Partnership Board.

### **6 EQUALITIES**

6.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment will also be completed during the development of the transformation strategy and plan.

## **7 CONSULTATION**

*7.1 Trades Unions; Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Local Residents; Community Interest Groups; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies;*

7.2 Consultation, engagement and involvement of all stakeholders will be crucial to the success of the transformation agenda. Work is underway to develop a Strategic Statement setting out our long term vision, plans and aspirations for engaging all service users, carers and other stakeholders, in all localities, building on the diverse range of engagement activities that can already be evidenced in the area.

## **8 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION**

*8.1 Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Human Resources; Property; Young People; Human Rights; Corporate; Health & Safety; Impact on Staff;*

## **9 ADVICE SOUGHT**

9.1 The contents of this report do not require advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer (Council Solicitor) and Section 151 Officer (Strategic Director - Support Services).

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<b>Background papers</b>	Putting People First  Our Health, Our Care, Our Say
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