

Report title: Developing an All-Age Carers Strategy	
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on, and consult with HWB members about the draft All-Age Carers' Strategy
- 1.2 The aims of the HWB session are to
 - Note the development of the draft strategy.
 - Seek views and feedback on the strategy's 6 commitments
 - Endorse the 6 commitments to carers of all ages
- 1.3 A more detailed paper outlining the key elements of the strategy and our approach is attached to this note as Appendix One.

2. Background

- 2.1 The previous carers strategy ran from 2015 to 2020 and the purpose of which was to embed the new duties brought about by the 2014 Care Act. Since that time duties under that Act have been being implemented by the council and its partners.
- 2.2 To shape the new strategy there has been a structured a work programme with key areas of focus.
 - Cross-organisational steering & working groups
 - Leaders, Members and stakeholder engagement
 - Reviewing progress against previous strategy
 - Analysing previous insight and data available
 - Learning best practice from 15 LA's
 - Mapping financial spend and the early help offer to carers
 - CQC alignment to prepare for inspection from April 2023
 - Engagement and coproduction with carers themselves
- 2.3 The total sum of the work to date informs us that we need to be improving support for carers. The strategy aims to deliver that change by improving our systems, practice and direct offer to carers. We will do this by working across

the organisation and the partner/stakeholder landscape. Carers will be at the heart of that work and be instrumental in the design, decision making and delivery of our shared ambitions.

- 2.4 We have worked directly with both adult and young carers to develop the strategy by convening focus groups, visiting carers' settings, and carrying out surveys. We are now in consultation with them about the 6 key commitments that are resultant of that work.

3. The Strategy

- 3.1 Key points for the new strategy are the commitments, and how we will deliver them.

- 3.2 The high-level priorities we aim to achieve are that carers will experience:

- Good health and wellbeing
- Choice and control
- Access to information, advice, guidance and support

- 3.3 As a result of this new strategy the outcomes we expect for carers will be for the to:

- Be physically healthy and safe
- Be emotionally healthy and happy
- Be socially connected
- Be stable and resilient
- Have financial wellbeing

- 3.4 Five workstreams will deliver the strategy over the next four years

4. Next Steps

- Final consultation and engagement on the commitments – early March 2022
- Final draft strategy ready for engagement with stakeholders and members – mid March
- Publish strategy and formalise governance and extend current contracts – April 2022
- Commence work programmes – May 2022
- Secure additional investment – from May 2022

5. Appendix

1. Developing and All-Age Carers' Strategy