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**DRAFT SUPPORTING PEOPLE LOCAL DELIVERY PLAN –  
PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY**

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**Purpose of Report**

1. This report provides the Committee with background information to enable Members to carry out pre-decision scrutiny of the draft cabinet report “Supporting People Local Delivery Plan” prior to its consideration by the Cabinet at its meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
  
2. A copy of the draft Cabinet Report is attached at **Appendix 1**, which in turn contains:
  - Appendix A - Supporting People Delivery and Spend Plan
  - Appendix B - Breakdown of current provision
  - Appendix C - Report on Consultation
  - Appendix D - Equality Impact Assessment (Supporting People Local Commissioning Plan - 2018/19)
  - Appendix E - Equality Impact Assessment (Young Persons Services)

**Background**

3. The Supporting People Programme provides housing related support services to some of the most vulnerable people in the city. Services include homeless hostels, domestic violence refuges, supported accommodation, floating support provided in the clients own home, community alarm, and warden services.

4. The Welsh Government require the Council to produce a spend plan each year to set out the way in which the grant funding is used. The programme is overseen by the Cardiff and Vale Regional Collaborative Committee which produces a Regional Commissioning Plan each year.

### **Previous Scrutiny**

5. In September 2016 the Committee considered a draft report to Cabinet entitled 'Advice and Support Recommissioning, which highlighted that with regard to floating support, the funding comes from the Government's Supporting People grant, which has been cut over the last few years. Local authorities have been advised to plan for further funding cuts in 2017/18, of between 5%-10%. Previous scrutiny by this Committee of the Supporting People Local Commissioning Plan highlighted that the Council was working with providers to see how best to achieve the cuts and that it was likely that there would be reductions in floating support. In 2016/17, there has been some realignment to better reflect the need to provide preventative services, particularly for Older People, such as Community Alarm, as well as to provide more 24 hour supported living for younger people, which was a Corporate Plan commitment last year.
6. In February 2017 during the scrutiny of the draft Budget proposals the Members noted that the budget for 2017/18 remains unchanged from 2015/16 at £16.2M but that there has been some realignment to afford more monies to tackle rough sleeping and homelessness.

### **Issues**

7. The report also sets out proposed Supporting People Delivery Plan, including the 2018/19 Spend plan is at **Appendix A**. This sets out the priorities for Cardiff's Supporting People Programme over the coming year. The major changes to spend are set out below:
  - Women at risk of domestic abuse
  - Older Persons Support and Alarm Service

- Homelessness Prevention Project
- Homelessness Support Service
- Youth mentoring

8. The report also includes a progress update on the recommissioning of Accommodation and support services (Paragraph 19) together with the Recommissioning of Accommodation and support services for young people (Paragraph 29), which includes:

- Commissioning Proposals
- Timescale for recommissioning
- Consultation

9. The report recommends to Cabinet that it:

- Approve the Supporting People Local Delivery and Spend Plan as set out at **Appendix A**.
- Note the progress in recommissioning phase one services and agree the revised approach to older persons floating support services.
- Agree the proposed overarching approach to recommissioning of accommodation and support services for young people as set out in the body of the report.
- Delegate authority to the Director of Communities, Housing and Customer Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities), the Council's Section 151 Officer, Director of Social Services and the Director of Law and Governance to deal with all aspects of the recommissioning of accommodation and support services for young people as set out in the body of the report, up to and including the award of contracts, and all ancillary matters pertaining to the same.
- Note that it is intended to submit further reports to Cabinet to seek authorisation to commence the procurement processes for those remaining services to be recommissioned as part of phases 2, and the phase 3 services, as and when the detailed procurement strategies are developed.

## **Way Forward**

10. At this meeting, the following witnesses will be in attendance:

- i) Councillor Lynda Thorne (Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities)
- ii) Sarah McGill (Director of Communities, Housing & Customer Service)

11. Pre-decision scrutiny aims to inform the Cabinet's decisions by making evidence based recommendations. Scrutiny Members are advised to:

- i) look at the information provided in the report to Cabinet to see if this is sufficient to enable the Cabinet to make an informed decision;
- ii) check the financial implications section of the Cabinet report to be aware of the advice given;
- iii) check the legal implications section of the Cabinet report to be aware of the advice given;
- iv) check the recommendations to Cabinet to see if these are appropriate.

12. Members will then be able to decide what comments, observations or recommendations they wish to pass on to the Cabinet for their consideration prior to making their decisions.

## **Legal Implications**

13. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with

the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

## **Financial Implications**

14. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Committee:

- i. Consider the proposed draft report attached and whether it wishes to relay any comments or observations for inclusion in the consultation, for consideration by the Cabinet at its meeting on the 18 January 2018; and
- ii. Decide the way forward with regard to any further scrutiny of this issue.

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