
CITY OF CARDIFF COUNCIL DAY OPPORTUNITIES STRATEGY: Pre- Decision
Scrutiny

Purpose of Report

1. To undertake pre-decision scrutiny of the draft report to Cabinet titled 'City of Cardiff Council Day Opportunities Strategy', which covers both the proposed Strategy and the proposed approach to consultation, and to pass comments, observations and recommendations to Cabinet for their meeting on 12 November 2015, when this report will be considered.

Background

2. As part of the Council's 2015/16 Budgetary Proposals, Health & Social Care proposed savings from re-commissioning day services for older people and re-organising community meals. These were shown at Lines HSC2 and HSC6 in Appendix 5 of papers presented to this Committee on 4 February 2015, available at:
<http://cardiff.moderngov.co.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=141>
3. At Full Council on 26 February 2015, Members did not agree the budget proposal HSC2 re-commissioning day services for older people and instead agreed to continue to fund existing arrangements until alternative arrangements have been put in place.

Overview of draft Cabinet Report

4. The draft Cabinet Report, attached at **Appendix 1**, states that it is to '*agree in principle to the approach to Day Opportunities in Cardiff*' and to '*agree for*

consultation to take place on the proposed Day Opportunities Strategy'. (Point 1 & 2, Appendix 1).

5. The draft Cabinet Report provides an overview of the draft Day Opportunities Strategy, which is attached in full at **Appendix A of Appendix 1**, as well as an overview of the proposed approach to consultation. The points below provide further details on these.
6. The draft Cabinet Report states that the Corporate Plan 2015-17 has framed the basis for the new proposed Day Opportunities Strategy, which also sets out the main drivers for change, namely demographic pressures, requirements of the Social Services and Well Being (Wales) Act 2014, budget resources, and the results of previous consultations.
7. The draft Cabinet Report states that the aim is *'to prevent social isolation and enable older people to achieve their chosen outcomes based on individual level of need'* (point 9, Appendix 1) and that the strategy *'sets the foundations for a more locality based approach'* (point 11, Appendix 1).
8. The draft Day Opportunities Strategy details the proposed approach for the following areas:
 - Provision of information, advice and assistance to older people
 - Day Centre provision for older people
 - Meals on Wheels
 - Luncheon Clubs
 - Day Opportunities Team
 - Community Transport
 - Volunteering.
9. The draft Cabinet Report states that the proposals in relation to day centres and luncheon clubs have already undergone consultation prior to the publication of this report, due to the specific nature of these proposals. Details of the proposed approach to wider consultation are set out at point 30, Appendix 1.

10. The draft Cabinet Report contains the following Recommendation:
- ‘to agree that consultation be carried out upon the draft Day Opportunities Strategy (a copy of which is attached at Appendix A), with the matter to be brought back to Cabinet in order to report upon the outcome of the consultation.’*
11. The Financial Implications section states that *‘it is currently anticipated that overall any proposed changes to service delivery can be met from within existing revenue budgets. Any future capital costs would need to be reflected in the Council’s Capital Programme and approved as part of the Budget’* (point 35, Appendix 1).
12. The Legal Implications section details the requirements to ensure that the consultation exercise is carried out properly, (point 37, Appendix 1), and that *‘consideration should be given as to whether an equalities impact assessment is required’* (point 40, Appendix 1).
13. The HR Implications section states that Trades Unions and affected employees have been consulted on the proposals and that further consultation will take place once a decision is made by Cabinet.

Way Forward

14. Councillor Susan Elsmore, (Cabinet Member, Health, Housing and Wellbeing) will be invited to make a statement. Tony Young, (Director of Social Services), Sarah McGill (Director of Communities, Housing and Customer Services), Jane Thomas (Assistant Director of Communities and Housing) and Amanda Phillips (Interim Assistant Director of Adult Social Care) will also be in attendance to answer Members’ questions.

Legal Implications

15. 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

16. 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

The Committee is recommended to:

- a. consider the information in the report, appendices and provided at the meeting;
- b. decide whether they would like to make any comments to the Cabinet on this matter; and
- c. decide the way forward for any future scrutiny of the issues discussed.

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