

**Report for:** Cabinet 8 October 2019

**Item number:**

**Title:** Response to findings of the Scrutiny Panel review of day opportunities and community provision

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**Ward(s) affected:** All

**Report for Key/  
Non Key Decision:** Non Key Decision

## **1. Describe the issue under consideration**

- 1.1 Across 2018/2019, the Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel undertook an in-depth piece of work regarding day opportunities and community provision in Haringey following which a number of recommendations were made to Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.2 This report provides a response to implementing the Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommendations, as set out in Appendix 1.

## **2. Cabinet Member Introduction**

- 2.1 I welcome the work of the Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel to review day opportunities and community provision in Haringey. As Chair of the Adult Social Care Redesign Group, I also have recognised the importance of this area of work and have established a distinct working group to focus on day opportunities. This group actively engages with users, carers, partners, Members and other stakeholders to co-design our wider offer for all disabled and older residents as well as to ensure that the opportunity afforded by bringing back into use two former day centres for day provision, with the further third earmarked for supported living, is optimised for the benefit of local residents.

## **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 The Cabinet is asked to agree the response to the recommendations of the Review of Day opportunities and community provision, carried out by Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel and endorsed by Overview and Scrutiny Committee at appendix 1.

#### **4. Reasons for decision**

- 4.1 There is a duty on Cabinet to respond to a report from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee – and in any event, the provision of day opportunities and access to a strong community offer are both important issues for local residents, contributing to improved health and wellbeing.

#### **5. Alternative options considered**

- 5.1 There is a duty on Cabinet to respond to a report from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and therefore no alternative option was considered.

#### **6. Background information**

- 6.1 Having received a number of reports on the provision of day opportunities in Haringey, the Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel concluded that further engagement with service users and officers was required to get a better understanding of the day provision following the gradual move, since 2016, to a new model of day opportunities and specifically following the closure of some in-house day centres.
- 6.2 At its meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed the scoping document for a review of day opportunities by the Adults and Health Scrutiny Panel. The terms of reference were to review the current day opportunities provision in Haringey in order to learn from the past and improve care in the future for residents, including:
- Looking at services from a resident's perspective - what has happened to service users and their carers since the day care closures?
  - The financial impact - has this move from day centre based care to the community saved Haringey Council money?
  - Current placements - where are Haringey residents being cared for now?
  - Good practice elsewhere – what services are provided by other boroughs and what have residents groups in other boroughs experienced on co-design of adult social care services?
- 6.3 As the Review report made clear, the terms of reference acted as a starting point for the Review but that after speaking to carers, service users and service providers the Panel widened its scope to pursue other issues and concerns that had arisen. Additionally, in the Foreword, the Chair of the Panel noted that the recommendations should be read as a springboard for a wider discussion with the Cabinet Member and senior officers and that how these recommendations are delivered or improved upon is the remit of the Adult Social Care Review and the Cabinet. The Review of Adult Social Care is ongoing and a sub-group focused on day opportunities is still meeting, most specifically to bring back into use for day provision the former day centres at The Haven and the Roundways. The third day centre, Woodside, mentioned in the Scrutiny Panel report is being brought back into use as supported living and is therefore not considered as part of this response.

## **7. Contribution to strategic outcomes**

- 7.1 The recommendations and responses made will contribute to objectives within both the Place and People Themes of the new Borough Plan
- 7.2 Place Theme: A place with strong, resilient & connected communities where people can lead active and healthy lives in an environment that is safe, clean and green.
- 7.3 People Theme: Our vision is a Haringey where strong families, strong networks and strong communities nurture all residents to live well and achieve their potential.

## **8. Statutory Officers comments**

### **8.1 Finance and Procurement**

- 8.1.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations and responses set out in Appendix 1. However, where a formal decision is required to implement proposals and they then have a financial implication, these will be subject to:
- Funding source being identified and agreed
  - A separate decision-making to be followed where required

### **8.2 Legal (Head of Legal Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer)**

- 8.2.1 Under Section 9F of the Local Government Act 2000 ('LGA'), the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the power to make reports or recommendations to Cabinet on matters which affect the Council's area or the inhabitants of its area.
- 8.2.2 Under Section 9FE of the LGA there is a duty on Cabinet to respond to the Report, indicating what (if any) action Cabinet proposes to take, within two months of receiving the Report and recommendations.

### **8.3 Equality**

- 8.3.1 The Council has a public sector equality duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to:
- Tackle discrimination and victimisation of persons that share the characteristics protected under S4 of the Act. These include the characteristics of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex (formerly gender) and sexual orientation;
  - advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not;
  - foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not.
- 8.3.2 The recommendations of the Panel when fulfilled will contribute towards improving day opportunities for disabled and older people, advancing

equality of opportunity between them and the wider population.

## **9. Use of Appendices**

9.1 Appendix 1 – Responses and updates to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee report recommendations.

## **10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**