

SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

29TH FEBRUARY, 2016

SUBJECT:

EVALUATION OF THE “BIG PLAN”

Purpose:

To provide a detailed evaluation of the effectiveness of The Big Plan.

To consider and comment on the following issues:

It is requested that the Committee scrutinises the position in relation to the effectiveness of The Big Plan.

REASONS:

- To ensure that any areas of concern are identified and relevant action taken.
- To provide members with an update on the above items.
- To enable members to exercise their scrutiny role in relation to performance monitoring.

To be referred to the Executive Board / Council for decision: NO

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder:

Cllr. J. Tremlett (Social Care & Health Portfolio Holder)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE PURPOSE OF REPORT:

1.1. The purpose of the Strategy was:

“To ensure people with a Learning Disability enjoy the same basic rights as anyone else. This means they will be housed, be supported to find work or other meaningful occupation, that is suited to them, be able to enjoy time with friends and family and to take part in their local community and the county’s culture.”

1.2. The strategy was to be viewed in the context of continued change. With increasing demand for services and rising costs of service provision, there was at the time an unparalleled challenge for services to sue resources at their disposal wisely and fairly, and to ensure that they really were used to achieve the best outcomes for and with people with learning disabilities and their families and carers living in our community.

1.3. It was acknowledged that the market for some Learning Disability services was underdeveloped and the strategy aimed to develop new business relationships with local providers in order to increase the range of high quality support options available.

1.4. The strategy focused on objectives within several key themes,

- Transition
- Better health for People with Learning Disabilities
- Leisure and recreation
- Supporting people with Learning Disabilities to be part of their community
- Supporting people with Learning Disabilities to maximise their independence and keep safe
- Improving peoples housing situation

1.5. The strategy aimed to ensure that more people would be able to access education, training and employment together with accessing mainstream services for sport, leisure and recreation. It was hoped that we could move away from the concept of day services and consider how people spend their time in a way that meets their own wishes and needs.

1.6 It is fair to say based on the evidence documented in this report that the majority of the objectives set in The Big Plan have been realised and more however, the provision of services is an ever evolving journey. A journey where we must ensure that we are responsive to the needs of our customers, our changing economic status and the emergence of new legislation whilst, at the same time striving to emulate best practice.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Anthon Maynard

Interim Head of Metal Health and Learning Disabilities

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| Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities | Legal | Finance | ICT | Risk Management Issues | Staffing Implications | Physical Assets |
| NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE | NONE |

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Anthony Maynard

Interim Head of Mental Health & Learning Disabilities

1. Local Member(s) - N/A
2. Community / Town Council – N/A
3. Relevant Partners - Yes
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - Yes

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:
 THERE ARE NONE.

| Title of Document | File Ref No. | Locations that the papers are available for public inspection |
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