

SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 15th JUNE 2016

Unpaid Carers

To consider and comment on the following issues:

That the Committee:

- Considers and comments on progress to date and outcomes achieved in relation to the two work-streams.
- Endorses the Carers Measure Annual Report for submission to the Welsh Government.

Reasons:

- To inform Scrutiny of the progress made on two fronts in our support of unpaid carers:
 - Hywel Dda Information & Consultation Strategy for Carers 2012-2015 (commonly referred to as the Carers Measure) and 2015/2016 Annual Report (Appendix 1).
 - The Carmarthenshire Strategic Partnership Board for Carers Annual Report 2015/16 (Appendix 2) and Action Plan (Monitoring Report) (Appendix 3).
- Welsh Government requires an annual report on the Region's progress and delivery of the Carers Measure. Carmarthenshire County Council is an equal partner in the Region.
- To enable members to exercise their scrutiny role in relation to monitoring performance.

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

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holder: Cllr. Jane Tremlett (Social Care & Health)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee of work that is ongoing in support of unpaid carers. There are 24,000 unpaid carers in Carmarthenshire with almost 10,000 of them caring for up to or over 50 hours every week. The contribution to the local economy in the region is substantial.

A Regional work stream developed under the Carers Information and Consultation Strategies Measure has been ongoing for 3 years with the strategy reaching its final term in 2016. Ongoing funding to assist the transfer of the strategic initiatives to the new SSWB Act has been provided by Welsh Government for a further 2 years at a slightly reduced rate (5% less per annum). This funding will be mostly utilised to deliver the ongoing work of the Investors in Carers Programme (IiC). The annual report (in draft) prepared for Welsh Government is attached and the Scrutiny committee is requested to endorse this for submission to the Welsh Government.

In Carmarthenshire a Carers Action Plan was launched in late 2014 and targets activity in relation to the National Carers Strategy. Carers Health and Well Being, Carers and Employment, A Life beyond Caring and Young Carers and Young Adult Carers are the themes therein. A monitoring report covering each activity stream is attached.

The Carmarthenshire Strategic Partnership Board for Carers Annual Report 2015/16 is also attached.

Not recognising or supporting unpaid carers could lead to the following outcomes:

1. A decline in the numbers of carers/family members prepared to take on a caring role
2. Poor health outcomes for citizens with a caring role
3. Contravention of the Human Rights and the Equalities Acts

These outcomes may result in increased costs to health and social care budgets.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	YES Appendix 1 – Hywel Dda Information & Consultation Strategy for Carers 2012-2015 Appendix 2 – The Carmarthenshire Strategic Partnership Board for Carers Annual Report 2015/16 Appendix 3 – Action Plan (Monitoring Report)
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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: Chris Harrison Head of Strategic Joint Commissioning

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

- 1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities**
- A decline in the numbers of carers/family members prepared to take on a caring role.
 - Poor health outcomes for citizens with a caring role
 - Contravention of the Human Rights and the Equalities Acts

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Chris Harrison Head of Strategic Joint Commissioning

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

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Hywel Dda Information & Consultation Strategy for Carers 2012-2015	Attached – Appendix 1