

Decision Maker: Care Services Portfolio Holder
For pre decision scrutiny by the Care Services Policy
Development and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 19 June 2012

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: CARE SERVICES PORTFOLIO PRIORITIES 2012/13 (DRAFT)

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Ward: Boroughwide

1. Reason for report

This report presents the Care Services PDS Committee with the draft portfolio priorities and aims for 2012/13. The 7 priorities for the Care Services portfolio focus on safeguarding (children and vulnerable adults), maximising independence, ensuring health and wellbeing and where people do need support, this support meets their needs appropriately. These priorities are in line with the Government's outcomes framework for adult care and children's social care. All priorities will be monitored throughout the year and progress reported back to this committee in the autumn.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The Care Services PDS Committee is asked to comment on the draft priorities and aims for the Care Services Portfolio for 2012/13
- 2.2 The Portfolio Holder for Care Services is asked to agree the 2012/13 draft priorities and aims for the Care Services Portfolio.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy: Building a Better Bromley
 2. BBB Priorities: Children and Young People, Excellent Council, and Supporting Independence
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Education and Care Services department
 4. Total current budget for this head: £134m
 5. Source of funding: ECS Approved Revenue Budget 2012/13
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 1050.35 FTE
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None
 2. Call-in: Applicable
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): All residents of the Borough
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: N/A

3. COMMENTARY

Draft Priorities for the Care Services Portfolio for 2012/13

- 3.1 The draft priorities for the Care Services Portfolio for 2012/13 are aimed at “supporting improved quality of life through encouraging high aspirations, maximising independence, promoting healthy lives, and protecting the most vulnerable”.
- 3.2 It is proposed that the priority outcomes for the Care Services Portfolio remain the same as those established last year for adult care and children’s social care. These priorities reflect the national outcome areas covering housing, adults and children social care and are directly linked to the Government’s outcome frameworks for these services. The priorities are also underpinned by Bromley’s Excellence standards. A copy of the full document can be accessed online at <http://cds.bromley.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=584&MId=4239&Ver=4>

- 3.3 The 7 Care Services priority outcomes are:

Priority Outcome 1: Children and young people behave positively, take responsibility for their actions and feel safe within the Borough, and parents and carers take responsibility for the behaviour of their children [jointly with the Education Portfolio]

Priority Outcome 2: Children and young people are safe where they live, go to school, play and work

Priority Outcome 3: Ensuring the health and wellbeing of children and young people, and their families

Priority Outcome 4: Enhancing quality of life for people with care and support needs

Priority Outcome 5: Maximising independence and reducing the need for care and support

Priority Outcome 6: Ensuring that people have a positive experience of care and support

Priority Outcome 7: Safeguarding adults whose circumstances make them vulnerable and protecting them from avoidable harm

- 3.4 For 2012/13 the Portfolio will be delivering a number of key areas which will include:

- Implementing the SEN Pathfinder Project (Jointly with the Education Portfolio)
- Extending the focus of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) to screen all referrals to Children’s Social Care (also on this agenda)
- Implementing the Tackling Troubled Families Programme (also on this agenda)
- Developing alternative support packages for people with dementia
- Commissioning day care as a result of service users determining what (alternative) types of support they require
- Modernising the respite service for both people with learning disabilities and older people (also on this agenda)
- Commissioning a domiciliary care service to provide flexibility and enable service users to exercise choice and control as to how they receive their care (also on this agenda)

3.5 These draft priorities will be shared with key stakeholders as part of the full draft plan during the summer. The final plan which will be presented to the PDS Committees for Education and Care Services in September 2012 will also include the detailed actions and performance measures that will deliver each of the priority outcomes with a summary of initial progress.

3.6 A further portfolio priority monitoring report will be circulated to members of both PDS committees in December. This report will summarise the progress made against the relevant actions in the first half of the year.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The plan reflects the priorities of 'Building a Better Bromley – 2020 Vision'. Other policy implications are included within the substance of the plan.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The four year financial forecast gives an overview of the key service and financial pressures facing the Council and identifies in detail the cost pressures facing Care Services.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report. Any legal implications arising from the implementation of the various actions contained within the plan will be reported to the PDS Committee.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Draft Portfolio Priorities Framework 2012/13 A3 version http://cds.bromley.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=584&MId=4239&Ver=4