

Decision Maker: PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR CARE SERVICES

Date: For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Care Services Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on Thursday 13th October 2016

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

Title: CARE SERVICES PORTFOLIO PLAN PRIORITIES JUNE 2016-MAY 2017

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Ward: All Wards

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 This report presents the Care Services PDS Committee with the draft Portfolio Plan Priorities for 2016/17 (Appendix A) for consideration and comment. The 'Priority Framework', containing a high level summary of the plan, has been prepared as a reference document for Education, Care and Health staff and is attached as Appendix B.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Care Services PDS Committee is requested to comment on the draft Care Services Portfolio Plan for 2016/17 (Appendix A), and provide direction as to how the Committee wishes to monitor progress against the Plan.
- 2.2 The Portfolio Holder for Care Services is requested to agree the 2016/17 draft Care Services Portfolio Plan.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
 2. BBB Priority: Children and Young People, Supporting Independence and a Healthy Bromley
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Education, Care Services and Health Department
 4. Total current budget for this head: £102.923m
 5. Source of funding: ECHS Care Services Approved Budget
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 634
 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 Plan 2016/17

- 3.1 The draft 2016/17 Care Services Portfolio Plan comprises six key priority outcomes focusing on 'supporting improved quality of life through encouraging high aspirations, maximising independence, promoting healthy lives and protecting the most vulnerable'.
- 3.2 These six priorities, an increase from the four established in 2013, are in line with the Council's Building a Better Bromley vision of creating an environment where people can lead healthier, more independent and self-reliant lifestyles, and ensuring the best possible future for the children and young people of Bromley, with a clear focus on supporting the most vulnerable.
- 3.3 The Portfolio Plan takes account of the Children's Service Improvement Action Plan developed in response to this year's Ofsted Inspection of 'Services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers, and the Local Safeguarding Children Board'. A Portfolio Plan update is due to be presented to Care Services PDS on 10th January 2017 and will summarise progress made against the Portfolio Plan actions and measures.
- 3.4 The six priority outcomes detailed below remain aligned to the national areas covering housing, adults and children's social care, and reflect the Government's outcome frameworks for these services. They take account of the Department of Health, and the Department for Communities and Local Government guidance for the integration of local health and social care together with the requirements of adult social care services as defined by the Care Act 2014, which modernised existing laws around adult social care and introduced new duties for local authorities from April 2015.

Outcome 1: With Health partners, focus on wellbeing and prevention to improve health outcomes for the residents of Bromley

Outcome 2: Fulfilling our duty of care to ensure the health, wellbeing and achievements of our vulnerable children

Outcome 3: Provide the best possible service to deliver support to all children and young people

Outcome 4: Ensure the provision of high quality locally relevant information and advice about care and support need to enable choice and control

Outcome 5: Ensure that people with care and support needs, and those whose circumstances make them vulnerable, can live their lives to the full and are protected from avoidable harm

Outcome 6: People experiencing housing difficulties are assisted with advice and support aimed at maintaining or securing a home and avoiding crisis

- 3.5 These priority outcomes are underpinned by actions plans and measures to promote the health and wellbeing, independence, and safety of service users, to ensure a positive experience of care and support and to be ambitious for our children and young people.
- 3.6 Following the Ofsted inspection of 'Services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers and the review of the effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children Board', between 11th April and 5th May 2016, a comprehensive Children's Service Improvement Action Plan has been approved to ensure that the required progress is made. This plan contains a range of actions, performance measures and indicators set out against the ten improvement priorities in the table overleaf.

Priority One	Leadership and Governance
Priority Two	Management oversight and quality assurance
Priority Three	Bromley Safeguarding Children Board – a partnership response
Priority Four	Safeguarding – better help and protection
Priority Five	Supporting children looked after
Priority Six	Supporting care leavers
Priority Seven	Adoption services
Priority Eight	Tackling child sexual exploitation, children missing and gangs
Priority Nine	Strategic commissioning
Priority Ten	Legal services

3.7 In line with previous years, many areas outlined in the Portfolio Plan will also be reported to the PDS Committee as detailed in the PDS work programme.

3.8 The Children’s Service Improvement Action Plan is being overseen and monitored by the Children’s Services Improvement Governance Board which will receive regular reports, including performance measures, reflecting direction of travel and progress. Care Services PDS will also receive updates at quarterly intervals.

4. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN

4.1 All six of the priorities within the Care Services Portfolio Plan have regard to the needs of vulnerable people within Bromley, with priority two focusing on vulnerable children and young people and priority five focusing on vulnerable adults.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Care Services Portfolio Plan priority outcomes, actions and measures support the Building a Better Bromley key priorities of:

- Working with health partners and focusing on areas identified within the Health and Wellbeing Strategy in improving health and delivering health outcomes
- Ambitious for all our children and young people
- Working with Health Partners to ensure the provision of high quality locally relevant information and advice about care and support need to enable choice and control
- Enhancing the quality of life for people with care and support needs and ensuring that those whose circumstances make them vulnerable, can live their life to the full and are protected from avoidable harm
- Assisting people experiencing housing difficulties with advice and support aimed at maintaining or securing a home and avoiding crisis

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 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.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 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 Procurement Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Care Services Portfolio Plan 2015/16 Care Services Portfolio Plan 2015/16 mid year update Care Services Portfolio Plan 2015/16 update 28th June 2016 - Covering Report Care Services Portfolio Plan 2015/16 update 28th June 2016 - Appendix 1