

Report No.
ACH20-072

London Borough of Bromley

PART ONE - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: **ADULT CARE AND HEALTH POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Date: **24 November 2020**

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

Title: **LEARNING DISABILITY STRATEGY**

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Ward: All wards

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 The Council and the CCG have jointly developed a Learning Disability (LD) Strategy that sets out the direction in relation to young people and adults with a learning disability.
 - 1.2 The Strategy has included significant co-production that has been facilitated with Bromley Mencap who, along with other providers, are developing services that are aligned with the outcomes in the strategy.
 - 1.3 Delivery of the LD Strategy will be overseen by the LD Partnership Board which has been formed of service users, carers and representatives from key stakeholders including third sector organisations, an elected Member, the CCG and relevant departments from within the Council.
 - 1.4 This report summarises the progress made and seeks Member scrutiny and input to inform the continued progression and implementation of the Strategy and the LD Partnership Board.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2.1 **Members are asked to note and comment upon the information in this report and the appended draft:**

i. **Learning Disability Strategy and;**

ii. **LD Partnership Board - Terms of Reference**

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Summary of Impact: To ensure that the Council's future direction for people with learning disabilities is in alignment with national and local policies and reflects people's needs and aspirations.
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Corporate Policy

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

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable:
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: N/A
 4. Total current budget for this head: £ N/A
 5. Source of funding: N/A
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Personnel

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

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory Requirement:
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: N/A
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): N/A
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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

3.1 The Council and the CCG have developed a Joint LD Strategy that sets out our local priorities for people with LD aged 14 and above. The Strategy has been co-produced with individuals with learning disabilities, their families and their friends as well as taking on board national guidance, policies, legislation and the views of senior Council and CCG officers.

3.2 The Strategy recognises current pressures and the increasing number of people with learning disabilities and will form the basis for ensuring Bromley is able to fulfil the vision set out in the Strategy:

“To enable people with Learning Disabilities to live the lives they want, as part of their community, with the right support, at the right time and from the right people”

3.3 Within Bromley there are estimated to be more than 1,300 people with a moderate or severe learning disability and of these, 730 people are in receipt of statutory services. Data analysis tells us that 1,020 children in education are understood to have a moderate, severe or profound and multiple learning disability and therefore the Council faces a significant and sustained increase in demand for LD provision over the coming 12 years and beyond. The Council and the CCG are responsible for providing statutory services in accordance with the Care Act and meeting people’s health needs but there is also a role in developing support within the community that recognises the needs of carers and those who would not be eligible for statutory services.

3.4 The Strategy focusses upon 5 priority areas that were highlighted as being important during the co-production stage:

- i. Autonomy, voice and control
- ii. Relationships and connections
- iii. Education, training and employment
- iv. Being active and well
- v. Right support at the right time

The Strategy explains why the priorities are important and details the related outcomes that people said mattered to them during the co-production sessions.

3.5 An action plan, related to the priorities, is being developed and this will be linked to existing strategies in relation to the Transformation Programme, the SEND Action Plan, the Transition Action Plan and the following Commissioning Priorities:

- i. Housing & housing support strategy
- ii. Community based activities
- iii. Working with the market
- iv. Transition strategy
- v. Integrate health and care commissioning
- vi. Understand financial impacts

Resulting Action Plan priorities are likely to include:

- Commissioning a range of local provision to meet projected demand
- Developing family commitment and resources in meeting needs
- Developing health and wellbeing outcomes within residential and community-based services

3.6 As detailed within the Contract Extension and Commissioning Strategy report (ACH 19017 – presented 19 November 2019), an LD Partnership Board has been formed. The Board is comprised of people with learning disabilities, carers and other key stakeholders from the third sector and children’s, adults and CCG services. Working groups, linked to each priority, will be established and the Board will monitor progress against the action plans. The Board is Co-chaired by a Council Member - Cllr. Page, and a person with learning disabilities.

- 3.7 The LD Strategy acknowledges the work in relation to the All Ages Autism Action Plan with representatives attending both Boards.
- 3.8 The draft LD Strategy is attached at Appendix 1 and Members are asked to note and comment in relation to its contents.
- 3.9 The draft Terms of Reference for the LD Partnership Board is attached at Appendix 2. Members are asked to note and comment in regard to how the Board will operate.

4. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- 4.1 There has been significant stakeholder engagement in compiling the draft Joint LD Strategy with the co-production sessions managed jointly with Bromley Mencap.
- 4.2 The final draft of the LD Strategy will be signed off by the LD Partnership Board.
- 4.3 The Strategy is being widely shared with key internal stakeholders and SEND and Adult Learning have input to both the Joint LD Strategy and the LD Partnership Board Terms of Reference.

5. SUSTAINABILITY AND IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

- 5.1 The Joint LD Strategy and the formation of an LD Partnership Board will enable the Council to develop its commissioning and strategic direction in accordance with local needs and to be held to account in relation to its delivery of national and local priorities.

6. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 The development of the Joint LD Strategy is in accordance with good practice and the recommendations contained within local and national policy.

7. IT AND GDPR CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 All resulting outcomes will be undertaken in accordance with IT and GDPR requirements.

Non-Applicable Sections:	[List non-applicable sections here]
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	[Title of document and date]