

***Meeting of the Executive Member for Housing  
and Adult Social Services and Advisory Panel***

8<sup>th</sup> December 2008

**Report of the Director of Housing and Adult Social Services**

***Strategy for the commissioning of support to people with a  
physical and/or sensory impairment***

**Summary**

1. This report outlines the outcome of consultation undertaken since June 2008 to develop a Physical & Sensory Impairment Strategy for adult social care in York.

Members are requested to:

- 1.1 Approve the attached strategy
- 1.2 Seek further reports as the action plan for delivering the strategy is put in place.

**Background**

2. The Executive Member approved a draft strategy in June 2008 following initial consultation and taking account of Government drivers over the previous three years.
3. The draft strategy has subsequently been submitted to a range of individuals and organisations (see Annex 1) for comment.
4. Comments have now been received and the strategy has been amended to reflect this. Whilst the number of responses has been low, this does reflect the extensive consultation that went in to producing the initial draft.
5. A revised strategy is attached. This has been kept deliberately at a broad level in order that the detailed planning can involve a range of stakeholders when the Partnership Board, approved previously by Members, is established. This will involve service users, and partner agencies working with council Officers to create detailed plans and support the implementation of the strategy. The first meeting of the Partnership Board is planned to take place early in 2009.
6. The Partnership Board once created will be formally linked to the Local Strategic Partnership and Local Area Agreement by reporting to the Healthy City Board. The priorities for the Partnership Board will be in respect of the development of inclusive responses for people with impairment in order to improve local progress against key national objectives and indicators.

7. The requirement for the City to have in place a user led Centre for Independent Living (CIL) by 2010 has been followed up by officers in conjunction with York CVS. A series of meetings has been planned and has now commenced with a view to supporting the creation of a User Led Organisation. It is the User Led Organisation that will have the role of coordinating the development of the CIL. The objective is that a Steering Group will be established in January.
8. This series of meetings in respect of the CIL has been planned to precede the start of the Partnership Board in order to avoid confusion of the two initiatives which whilst mutually exclusive may involve similar personnel.

## **Consultation**

9. In developing the Physical & Sensory Impairment Strategy for adult social care there has, to date, been one large consultation event and three focus groups held, and the draft strategy has been circulated widely to customers, potential customers, carers, service providers and other interested individuals and organisations.
10. The main priorities for outcomes from the consultation remain:
  - Access to information
  - Access to support
  - Access to leisure & employment
  - Choice and control
  - Mobility & transport
  - Economic well being

## **Options & Analysis**

11. Option 1  
To continue current provision as it is without implementing the strategy.
12. Option 2  
To work on the first draft action plan attached to the PSI Strategy for implementing the strategy over a period utilising current resources as they become available for alternative use and utilising partnerships for developing access to new resources. The first draft action plan has been produced following the consultation events. It uses the seven outcomes from the White Paper, Our Health, Our Care, Our Say as a framework and highlights themes, desired outcomes and work already in progress. It is anticipated that the Partnership Board, once created, will develop the action plan further.

More immediately this would entail the production of information on local service provision in different formats for individuals with a physical or sensory impairment. This can be specifically commissioned action in order to support the infrastructure required. The resources required for creating improved information and in different formats will need to be assessed through market testing and can be funded from Directorate resources. Financial implications for

the development of the Centre for Independent Living will be reported as it becomes clearer what those implications will be.

## **Corporate Priorities**

13. The development of the strategy supports broad corporate and partnership outcomes especially as they relate to the Equalities element of the Single Improvement Plan, and Healthy WOW, Inclusive WOW and Business WOW.

The development and implementation of this strategy would be supported by and would support the Healthy City Board in its delivering the refreshed priorities focussing on the impact of an ageing society.

## **Implications**

14. **Financial** - Apart from the provision of information in different formats there are no immediate financial implications. The resources required for the production of information are available within Directorate resources. Once the strategy document is complete and the action plan begins to develop there will likely be some financial implications linked to developing and changing service provision, which will need to feed into the usual budget cycle.
15. **Human Resources (HR)** - There are no implications to this report
16. **Equalities** –The strategy and its action plan support the objectives of the corporate Equality Strategy and will contribute to the corporate and directorate Equality Schemes for 2009 and beyond. In addition the strategy will help CYC meet the Duties arising from disability legislation. An Equalities Impact Assessment is attached to this strategy.
17. **Legal** – There are no implications to this report
18. **Crime and Disorder** – There are no implications to this report
19. **Information Technology (IT)** – There are no implications to this report
20. **Property** – There are no implications to this report
21. **Other** – There are no implications to this report

## **Risk Management**

22. The risks associated with the proposals in this report are low and score less than 16.  
When it is agreed that a strategy should be implemented any financial risks resulting from required service development will be considered as and when specific proposals are made.

## Recommendations

23. Members are asked to advise the Executive Member to approve the strategy and seek further Officer reports on the implementation of the Strategy and progress towards the development of a Centre for Independent Living.

Reason:

To support the social inclusion and development of support to people with a physical or sensory impairment.

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**Wards Affected:** *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

All

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**Background Papers:** PSI Strategy (attached as Annex 1)

#### Annexes

Appendix 1: PSI strategy (Executive Summary only)  
[A copy of the full strategy is available on the Council's website at  
<http://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.asp?CId=441&MId=3568>]

Appendix 2: Equalities Impact Assessment for PSI Strategy