

## Cabinet Meeting

20 February 2018

<b>Report title</b>	City of Wolverhampton Council Commissioning Strategy	
<b>Decision designation</b>	AMBER	
<b>Cabinet member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Sandra Samuels OBE, Adults Councillor Val Gibson, Children and Young People Councillor Paul Sweet, Public Health and Wellbeing Councillor Claire Darke, Education	
<b>Key decision</b>	Yes	
<b>In forward plan</b>	Yes	
<b>Wards affected</b>	(All Wards)	
<b>Accountable director</b>	Mark Taylor, Strategic Director, People	
<b>Originating service</b>	People	
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<b>Report to be/has been considered by</b>	People Leadership Team Strategic Executive Board Safeguarding Adults Board	6 November 2017 7 November 2017 14 November 2017

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### Recommendation for decision:

The Cabinet is recommended to:

Approve the final version of the City of Wolverhampton Council Commissioning Strategy 2018-2021 entitled Shaping Futures, Changing Lives (attached as Appendix 1 to the report).

## 1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 For Cabinet to approve the final version of the City of Wolverhampton Council Commissioning Strategy 2018-2021, entitled *Shaping Futures, Changing Lives* (attached as Appendix 1 to this report).

## 2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Cabinet meeting on 26 April 2017 approved the draft Commissioning Strategy for consultation with a view to seeking final Cabinet approval of the strategy.
- 2.2 The Commissioning Strategy explains the overall drivers, approach and content of the strategy for all parts of the council.
- 2.3 The strategy is titled *Shaping Futures, Changing Lives*. It updates the Council's approach in two ways:
  - a. Firstly, by bringing together in one place the wide-ranging commissioning activity already underway in the council through transformation initiatives.
  - b. Secondly, it shapes the direction for the next stage of development in creating a single, simple narrative and model which will inform on-going engagement, service transformation and planning as part of one council and with partners.
- 2.4 It reflects the broad current stage of development and direction for care and health integration and the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board and underpins the way in which commissioning is being harmonised within the Council.

## 3.0 Progress

- 3.1 Cabinet will note that the strategy is a wide-ranging document which makes links to many areas both inside and outside of the Council. There has therefore been significant communication and engagement in the development of the strategy with a wide range of stakeholders over a six-month period. The feedback received from stakeholders has directly informed the final version of the strategy.
- 3.2 All directorates within the Council have contributed to the development of the strategy as well as with colleagues in corporate procurement, finance, human resources and workforce. An early version of the draft was shared as evidence with OFSTED to support their positive view of the "leadership" element of the 2017 inspection.
- 3.3 Early versions of the strategy were also shared with National Health Service (NHS) colleagues and Wolverhampton Healthwatch in the context of overall work on care and health commissioning and integration.
- 3.4 The draft strategy was considered by Cabinet on 26 April 2017; the Scrutiny Board on 30 May 2017; the Adult and Safer City Scrutiny Panel on 13 June 2017; the Children, Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel on 14 June 2017 and Health and Wellbeing Board on 28 June 2017.

3.5 Subsequently the strategy has been shared with a range of stakeholder groups and the public. We have actively engaged experts by experience and their families and carers to seek their views. Provider organisations have also been invited to comment and provide feedback. This activity has been underpinned by wider consultation with the public via the Council Website, Wolverhampton Information Network, Facebook, Twitter, Libraries and via Healthwatch. Full details can be found in the Consultation Activity Plan in Appendix 2.

#### **4.0 Evaluation of alternative options**

4.1 An alternative option would be to not have a strategy meaning the Council would not have single, simple narrative and model for commissioning to inform on-going engagement, service transformation and planning as part of one council and with partners.

#### **5.0 Reasons for decision**

5.1 Cabinet are asked to approve the final version of the City of Wolverhampton Council Commissioning Strategy 2018-2021, entitled Shaping Futures, Changing Lives (attached as Appendix 1) to support the development of stronger communities and enable residents and users of services realise better outcomes for themselves and their families.

#### **6.0 Financial implications**

6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Any actions arising from the Strategy and the associated plans will be delivered from existing budgets.

6.2 A Commissioning Strategy and associated plans will be key instruments in managing the financial environment for the council over the coming period.  
[AS/02112017/S]

#### **7.0 Legal implications**

7.1 Details of law relevant to the development of a Commissioning Strategy include:

- The Health and Social Care Act 2012 section 192 (amending the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 section 116 (as amended by the Act – section 192) require a “responsible local authority” and each of its partner CCGs to prepare Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Well Being Strategies; and section 116A (as inserted by the Act – section 193); Section 196 provides that these functions are to be exercised by the Health and Wellbeing Board established by the local authority.
- The Care Act 2014 – Section 3 establishes legal basis of integration of care and support with health services. Section 53ff establishes requirements relating to market oversight.
- Children’s Act 1990 Section 22G creates a statutory requirement for a Sufficiency Strategy for accommodation of children looked after by the council under which is an important part of the commissioning.

- Children and Families Act 2014 introduced new requirements including:  
Those on adoption, special education needs or disabilities  
Statutory requirements on integration with health and joint commissioning with health partners (Sections 25-26).  
[RB02112017/Y]

## **8.0 Equalities implications**

- 8.1 The Commissioning Strategy is underpinned by population needs assessment analysis and market shaping activity. These strands provide a framework for action to support all parts of the community in the City of Wolverhampton to allow specific market shaping as needed.

## **9.0 Environmental implications**

- 9.1 A key intention of the Commissioning Strategy is to ensure sustainability for people needing support or care through sustainable resources management and service design. This augments the assets which people bring in their lives. The development of neighbourhood and locality approaches support more sustainable approaches to personal support with potential positive benefit for the environment.

## **10.0 Human resources implications**

- 10.1 The Commissioning Unit has been re-organised and recruitment to vacant staff team roles has been finalised.
- 10.2 Any other activity which affects Council staff arising from this strategy will be managed through the relevant approved project plan and further advice sought as needed.

## **11.0 Corporate landlord implications**

- 11.1 There are no corporate landlord implications at this stage.

## **12.0 Schedule of background papers**

- 12.1 Not applicable.

## **13.0 Appendices**

Appendix 1: Shaping Futures, Changing Lives - the City of Wolverhampton Council  
Commissioning Strategy 2018-2021

Appendix 2: Consultation Activity Plan