

Health and Wellbeing Board

27 April 2016

Report title	Consultation on Joint Autism Strategy	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Val Gibson Children & Young People Councillor Elias Mattu Adults	
Key decision	Yes	
In forward plan	Yes	
Wards affected	All	
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Report to be/has been considered by	List any meetings at which the report has been or will be considered	
	PLT	11 January 2016
	SEB	26 January 2016
	Cabinet	24 February 2016

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Receive the draft Autism Strategy and make comments as part of the consultation process

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the draft Joint Autism Strategy for consideration and comment as part of the consultation process.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 This Autism strategy was developed by partners in education, health and social care in the city to making sure that children, young people and adults with autism get the same life chances as people who do not have autism.

- 2.2 Autism is a lifelong neurodevelopmental condition, it is a 'spectrum' disorder which means that individuals experience it differently and are affected in different ways. There is however some common challenges for people with autism. These include:

- social communication
- social interaction
- social imagination

- 2.3 The City of Wolverhampton Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are committed to commissioning high quality autism services and working with partner organisations to improve the lives and opportunities for children, young people and adults with autism.

- 2.4 The purpose of this strategy is to provide a clear plan outlining how support will be delivered in Wolverhampton and to identify objectives and actions which reflect local need and diversity, in line with the vision set out in the national Think Autism 2015 Strategy:

“All children, adults and older adults with autism are able to live fulfilling and rewarding lives within a society that accepts and understands them. They can get a diagnosis and access support if they need it, and they can depend on mainstream public services to treat them fairly as individuals, helping them make the most of their talents.”

- 2.5 This strategy is a high level document designed to highlight key strategic priorities. There is a risk that stakeholders will not feel that the strategy provides sufficient detail to cover all areas. The implementation of the strategy will therefore be supported by a number of detailed implementation plans that will be influenced by the information gathered during the consultation activities.

3.0 Financial Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications directly associated with this report, however, once the consultation is complete the implementation plans associated with the delivery of the strategy will need to include comprehensive financial plans. The delivery of the new strategy will need to be within the existing financial resources.

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4.0 Legal Implications

4.1 This strategy supports the City Council and the CCG in the delivery of their statutory duties in relation to the Autism Act 2009 and the supporting national “Think Autism Strategy” 2015. [Legal Code: TS/04042016/A]

5.0 Equalities implications

5.1 There are equalities implications associated with this report as it relates to disabled children and young people. An Equalities Analysis will be completed before consultation commences and updated throughout the consultation process.

6.0 Environmental implications

6.1 There are no environmental implications associated with this report.

7.0 Human resources implications

7.1 There are no human resources implication’s associated with this report.

8.0 Corporate landlord implications

8.1 There are no corporate landlord implications associated with this report.

9.0 Schedule of Background Papers