

CABINET PORTFOLIO SUMMARY REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is an update from the Cabinet Portfolio Holder to Members of the Council on matters relevant to her portfolio.

1. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION

Significant progress has been made with health partners and colleagues to deliver better outcomes for people and there is now clear evidence of a co-ordinated service position with the further developments of the hospital Integrated Discharge Team and the multi-disciplinary health and social care teams now in place in each constituency area.

The complementary nature and targeting of these services is leading to a better use of resources, positive pathways and outcomes in relation to appropriate hospital discharges, the promotion of support to independence, enabling people to return home and a reduction in the overall number of people entering permanent residential and nursing care home placements.

A key aspect of these services is the growing move to provide services across 7 days and into the evenings. This is illustrating success in increasing service access and availability at a time of significant resource challenges for both the Council and the NHS. We are now creating working environments that support providing care and support at the 'right time and in the right place', demonstrating the commitment of our joint workforces, despite the challenges that is now confronting them.

2. DAY SERVICE TRANSFORMATION

I am pleased to inform Council that on 19 June 2014 Cabinet agreed that a challenge process would be put in place to ensure that the Strategic Business Case for the new Local Authority Company which will provide day services and daytime opportunities for people with disabilities across Wirral. There have been many months of very hard work by officers, staff, people who use services and carers. The business case must demonstrate a clear rationale for the establishment of a Local Authority Company that will deliver sustainable services whilst meeting MTP savings. There is also significant potential to include other services, generate greater revenue and deliver services more innovatively.

Their work around the co-design of the company is gathering pace, and excitement.

The meetings have been very productive; discussions have included the Vision of the company, the objectives, and the offer of services and the scope of them. These meetings have been positive, energetic and producing plenty of ideas and support for the company. The group represents all services and is very diverse.

3. MORETON DAY CENTRE

Members will recall a decision was made last year to close Moreton Day Centre, it was also agreed to provide a smaller more flexible service in Moreton in order to retain community links. I am pleased to inform council that the new service will be operational within the next month and would like to thank not only officers for their hard work but would also like to say a special thanks to Mr Stephen McGreal, Chair of the Parents Group for his ongoing support and hard work in achieving this.