

EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION FORM

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY: Councillor Christine Jones

KEY DECISION: Yes

PORTFOLIO AREA: Adult Social Care & Public Health

PORTFOLIOS AFFECTED: Adult Social Care & Public Health

WARDS AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT: EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENT AND ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY POLICY CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- To note the content of the report
- To approve the suggested practice and procedure changes for the use and deployment of Assistive Technology for implementation ASAP to deliver the required efficiencies in year
- To agree to a revision of the existing AT Strategy (2012-2017) previously produced by Peter Wong to reflect the required changes

2. REASONS FOR THE DECISION


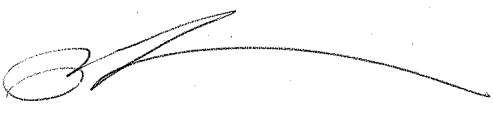
- Wirral has had a free and open offer to the whole Wirral community over a number of years. This free and open offer has not been able to evidence reduced care provision, nor has it contributed effectively to reducing hospital admissions or facilitating discharge from hospital. Benchmarking has indicated that Wirral is in the absolute minority of Local Authorities who have this offer, many having never had it.
- Vision 2018 and the introduction of the Better Care fund require integrated working to deliver efficiency and best value. Assistive Technology is in scope, as well the “One council” approach to best utilise all council resources to achieve better outcomes for people
- The introduction of the Care Act will require a whole economy approach to delivering on the required outcomes. Therefore the AT provision will be included in the “Wirral Independence” commission” which will go live to tender.
- Efficiencies are required in year, to support the required savings and the new commission, changes are summarised below, with a recommendation for approval.

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been completed. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

<p>Signed:</p> <p>Executive Member: Councillor Christine Jones</p>  <p>Date: 26 September 2014</p> <p>Also present:</p>	<p>Signed:</p> <p>Chief Officer: Graham Hodgkinson, Director of Adult Social Services</p>  <p>Date: 26 September 2014</p>
<p>Date of Senior Policy Team Meeting(s):</p>	

Date of Publication:

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