

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

11 NOVEMBER 2015

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b><i>ALL AGE AUTISM STRATEGY</i></b>
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	<b><i>ALL</i></b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b><i>GRAHAM HODKINSON</i></b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	<b><i>CHRIS JONES</i></b>
<b>KEY DECISION?</b> <i>(Defined in paragraph 13.3 of Article 13 'Decision Making' in the Council's Constitution.)</i>	<b><i>YES/NO (delete as applicable)</i></b>

### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This is to brief the Health & Wellbeing Board on the work that has been completed with regards to Wirral's Autism Strategy.

In 2009 the National Autism Strategy was implemented, since then there has been an expectation that all Local Authorities will have a local Autism Strategy.

Wirral have now written a draft strategy, it has been developed through consultation and has been agreed. Work now needs to begin in order for the strategy to be implemented.

The Strategy will sit underneath the All Age Disability Strategy.

### 2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 There have been a number of consultation sessions with all stake holders to identify the key priorities for people with autism in Wirral. The 'draft' strategy has been shared with all of the individuals and groups of people who attended the consultation sessions, and it has also been sent to people who have autism, carers, Health and Social Care professionals, other departments in the Council, providers and the third sector.

DASS worked with CYPD and CCG, looking at the whole draft strategy and identified areas that required updating/adding to in order to make the strategy an all age one.

The strategy has been presented to Strategic Leadership Team in DASS, Departmental Management Team for Families and Wellbeing, Disability Partnership Board.

### 3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 3.1 If the strategy is not agreed and implemented the Council will not be meeting it's responsibility of having a strategy for people with autism.

## **4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

4.1

## **5.0 CONSULTATION**

5.1 A number of consultation events were held in April and May 2015 with feedback sessions held at the beginning of June 2015 to share the draft strategy and receive feedback.

The consultation events and the feedback events involved people with autism, family members and Carers, Health & Social Care professionals, other departments within the Council, providers and the third sector.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS**

6.1 This strategy has implications for all members of the community, including the voluntary, community and faith sector.

## **7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS**

7.1 There are some resources that need to be taken into consideration, they are:

Identified Lead Officer, this will need to be communicated to the autism community so that they have a contact person within the Council. This lead will also need to chair the Autism Partnership Board.

There will need to be resources put into the Autism Partnership Board, this will be in member's time, admin resources for sending out information etc.

Financial implications – still to be determined

It has been requested that the document is printed in an easy read version so that it is accessible to all adults.

The groups who attended the consultation sessions said that the document should be widely accessible and printed out for those people who don't have access to computers, but also that it should be put onto the Council website.

All departments within the Council will need to be involved with this Strategy as it is the responsibility of everyone to ensure that people in Wirral with autism have a 'Fulfilling and Rewarding Life'.

## **8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1

## **9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

(a) Yes and impact review is attached –



EIA Autism Strategy.doc

**10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 *(Carbon usage implications? Any other relevant environmental issues?)*

**11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 *(Is planning permission required?)*

**12.0 RECOMMENDATION/S**

12.1

- 1) Agree the draft Autism Strategy and sign off so that it can be implemented by the Autism Sub-group.
- 2) Identify resources to ensure that the work can be completed and the strategy launched

**13.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

13.1

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**APPENDICES**

All Age Autism Strategy

**REFERENCE MATERIAL**

*(Include background information referred to or relied upon when drafting this report, together with details of where the information can be found. There is no need to refer to publicly available material: e.g. Acts of Parliament or Government guidance.)*

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

Council Meeting	Date
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# Equality Impact Assessment Toolkit (from May 2012)

## Section 1: Your details

EIA lead Officer:

Email address:

Head of Section:

Chief Officer:

Department:

Date:

## Section 2: What Council proposal is being assessed?

**Section 2b:** Will this EIA be submitted to a Cabinet or Overview & Scrutiny Committee?

Yes / No

If 'yes' please state which meeting and what date

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Please add hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published on the Council's website (see your Departmental Equality Group Chair for appropriate hyperlink)

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**Section 3: Does the proposal have the potential to affect.....** (please tick relevant boxes)

- Services**
- The workforce**
- Communities**
- Other** (please state eg: Partners, Private Sector, Voluntary & Community Sector)

If you have ticked one or more of above, please go to section 4.

- None** (please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) for publishing)

**Section 4: Does the proposal have the potential to maintain or enhance the way the Council .....** (please tick relevant boxes)

- Eliminates unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation
- Advances equality of opportunity
- Fosters good relations between groups of people

If you have ticked one or more of above, please go to section 5.

- No** (please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) for publishing)

**Section 5:**

**Could the proposal have a positive or negative impact on any of the protected groups (race, gender, disability, gender reassignment, age, pregnancy and maternity, religion and belief, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership)?**

**You may also want to consider socio-economic status of individuals.**

**Please list in the table below and include actions required to mitigate any potential negative impact.**

<b>Which group(s) of people could be affected</b>	<b>Potential positive or negative impact</b>	<b>Action required to mitigate any potential negative impact</b>	<b>Lead person</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>

**Section 5a:**        **Where and how will the above actions be monitored?**

**Section 5b:**        **If you think there is no negative impact, what is your reasoning behind this?**

**Section 6:** **What research / data / information have you used in support of this process?**

**Section 7:**        **Are you intending to carry out any consultation with regard to this Council proposal?**

**Yes / No** – (please delete as appropriate)

**If ‘yes’ please continue to section 8.**

**If ‘no’ please state your reason(s) why:**

(please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) for publishing)



## **Section 8: How will consultation take place and by when?**

Before you complete your consultation, please email your preliminary EIA to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) via your Chief Officer in order for the Council to ensure it is meeting it's legal requirements. The EIA will be published with a note saying we are awaiting outcomes from a consultation exercise.

Once you have completed your consultation, please review your actions in section 5. Then email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) for re-publishing.

## **Section 9: Have you remembered to:**

- a) **Add appropriate departmental hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published (section 2b)**
- b) **Include any potential positive impacts as well as negative impacts? (section 5)**
- c) **Send this EIA to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) via your Chief Officer?**
- d) **Review section 5 once consultation has taken place and sent your completed EIA to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) via your Chief Officer for re-publishing?**