



**COUNCILLOR CHRIS JONES**

**CABINET**  
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**WIRRAL PLAN: A 2020 VISION -**  
**UNDERPINNING STRATEGIES:**  
**ALL AGE DISABILITY STRATEGY**

**Councillor Chris Jones, Cabinet Member - Adult Social Care and Public Health, said:**

“Our ambition is to empower and enable our residents so that they can live healthy, independent lives in strong and vibrant communities where they feel safe and are safe. We want this for all of our disabled residents regardless of where they live in Wirral, and we want to recognise the contribution that they make to our local communities.

In the Wirral Plan we set out the following pledge: *It is our aim to support more people with disabilities to increase their independence and access to work, education and volunteering*”

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

The Wirral Plan: A 2020 Vision sets out a shared partnership vision to improve outcomes for Wirral residents. Delivery of the priorities and outcomes described in the Plan are underpinned through the development and implementation of a set of key strategies.

This report provides Cabinet with the All Age Disability Strategy; a key strategic document which describes ambitions related to the Wirral Plan People Priority:

“Wirral is a place where the vulnerable are safe and protected, every child gets a good start in life and older residents are respected and valued”.

This matter affects all Wards within the Borough and is therefore a key decision.

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

Cabinet is requested to approve the All Age Disability Strategy, which is appended to this report.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### 1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 The All Age Disability Strategy has been developed to deliver the Wirral Plan pledge for 'People with disabilities live independently'.
- 1.2 The Strategy has been developed with people with disabilities and their Carers, partners and stakeholders to ensure that there has been extensive engagement in the development of the Strategy and its priority areas.
- 1.3 The Strategy has also been shared with the All Age Disability Partnership Board, who will be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the Strategy.

### 2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 No other options have been considered.

### 3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 A five year Wirral Plan received unanimous approval at the meeting of full Council on 13 July 2015 and has been adopted by all strategic partners from the public, private and third sectors.
- 3.2 The plan contains twenty pledges to be achieved by 2020; pledge six under the people theme is for people with disabilities to live independently in Wirral and sets out the following commitment:

*'It is our aim to support more people with disabilities to increase their independence and access to work, education and volunteering'*

- 3.3 This is the first All Age Disability Strategy for Wirral and its purpose is to positively improve the lives of disabled residents in Wirral, ensuring that disabled people are able to fully contribute to developments, lead their own lives and be economically independent and celebrating the contribution they make to our community
- 3.4 The Strategy has been developed through consultation with people with disabilities, Carers, health and social care professionals, and other stakeholders. It has been agreed by the All Age Disability Partnership Board, and this group will monitor the implementation of the Strategy. The actions will be delivered over the course of the five year Strategy. The Strategy will be reviewed on an annual basis with regular performance reporting taking place through appropriate governance arrangements.
- 3.5 We have identified three priorities which this Strategy will achieve, to improve the lives of everyone in Wirral with a disability;
  - All people with disabilities are well and live healthy lives
  - All young people and adults with disabilities have access to employment and are financially resilient
  - All people with disabilities have choice and control over their lives

## **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 It is recognised that Wirral has a significant number of disabled people who do not access social care services and live independently within their local communities. The All Age Disability Strategy will see the public, private and voluntary sectors working ever more closely together to ensure that disabled people in Wirral are able to have a positive experience as they grow and develop and ensure they are supported to live independently, accessing additional care and help only when they need it.
- 4.2 As projects to deliver the Strategy are developed the financial implications will be identified as part of the project plan.

## **5.0 LEGAL**

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report. As projects to deliver the Strategy are developed the legal implications will be identified as part of the project plan.

## **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS**

- 6.1 The All Age Disability Strategy will be implemented in partnership within existing staffing resources. Any additional resource requirements will be identified as a detailed delivery plan is developed.

## **7.0 RELEVANT**

- 7.1 The Corporate Risk Register will be refreshed in line with the new Wirral Plan developments to ensure that any risks to delivery are understood and mitigating actions are put in place as appropriate.

## **8.0 ENGAGEMENT / CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 The All Age Disability Strategy was developed after a number of consultation sessions in September and October 2015. These sessions included people with disabilities and their Carers, health and social care professionals from Children's and Adults services, partners and other stakeholders through the development of the Strategy.
- 8.2 A further stakeholder event took place in November 2015 and the feedback from the event was included in the final draft of the Strategy.
- 8.3 The draft Strategy has been presented to the All Age Disability Partnership Board; the membership of this board includes a range of stakeholders from people with disabilities, Carers, professionals Children's and Adults health and social care services and other stakeholders.

## **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 The potential impact has been reviewed with regard to equality and the impact assessment can be found at:

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equality-impact-assessments>

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**APPENDICES**

*Appendix 1 – All Age Disability Strategy*

**REFERENCE MATERIAL**

*All reference material is contained within the Strategy appended to this report.*

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Not applicable</b>	