

**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 ALL AGE DISABILITY**

We are making good progress towards even further integration of our social care services. Our aim is to create a set of services which are joined up, seamless, and where our residents find it easy to access services and understand the support they are able to benefit from.

Our next programme is integrating the assessment and support planning processes for children and adults with disabilities, and adults with mental health needs to create a new All Age Disability Service. The new service will aim to remove the inherent stress and difficulties people experience when moving from children's to adult services.

A new single integrated service is being designed at the moment, which will provide seamless support to young people, adults with a complex disability and adults with a mental health need. We hope to be able to launch the new and improved service from April 2018.

**2 LIBRARIES, LEISURE & CULTURE REVIEW**

We are continuing an extensive review into our Library, Leisure and Cultural services, seeking to find a new way to provide the services to ensure they are sustainable for the long term and are able to meet our residents' needs.

We know the services in this review are important to people. Their impact on residents' health, wellbeing and general quality of life cannot be underestimated. Therefore any changes to how and where they're provided must be delivered sensitively, and in way which ensures a quality service can be provided sustainably for the long-term.

For the past few months, we have been in extensive conversations with many hundreds of residents who use these services every day, as well as user and friends groups. We have also spent a lot of time talking to our staff, and our Trade

Union colleagues, asking for their ideas on how the services can be provided in the future.

These conversations have given us many interesting options and ideas. Residents and staff have truly engaged with this process – they have attended workshops, developed their own ideas, sent us feedback and completed questionnaires.

It is only right that we give this feedback proper consideration and investigation as we continue to develop the business case for the future service model. We will therefore continue to explore the ideas we have received, we will continue to explore the options available to us, and we will continue to work with the people who use these services, as well as other key stakeholders to ensure that whatever the final business case looks like, it meets the needs of our residents.

### **3 CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

The Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services has provided an extensive update to Council on the ongoing improvement in that area. It is also important to note that a major, far reaching transformation programme is in development.

This programme will help to develop a new approach for the future delivery of children's services. By providing earlier and more effective interventions designed to keep children out of the care system, children will receive better, more targeted services tailored to meet their specific needs, and there will be a related decrease in more costly, specialist social care services.