

**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.

**WIRRAL RESIDENTS LIVE HEALTHIER LIVES**

I also want to use my update to Members this month to highlight the many positive results we are seeing as we work with our partners to encourage Wirral residents to live healthier lives.

- The number of adults with a learning disability who live in stable and appropriate accommodation has increased again and is now at 85%
- Wirral is on track to overachieve our initial target 300 units of additional care homes. Four schemes are completed or on site, comprising 75 units, and four more schemes are due to be fully completed by the end of 2021/22 providing a further 387 units.
- Merseyside Jobcentre Plus has made great progress towards increasing the number of employers who are now signed up to being Disability Confident. Wirral Council is already a Disability Confident employer and working towards Level 3.
- The Live Well Directory has been developed to provide easy access to information for people with disabilities. Live Well will share basic service profile content with the Best You App so users of the app can identify services “near me” and can easily access comprehensive information on the service. Reviews of how Live Well supports carers and how autism services are represented are planned in the new year. A specification has been produced for a self-help tool to support social prescribing.
- A number of settings have agreed to trial home smart monitoring. Opportunities to deploy medication management technologies are being explored as well as platforms to support the safe and secure use of GPS tracking technologies. Following positive results, a pilot scheme examining the use of electronic care planning with domiciliary care providers has

been extended until May 2019 and the residential home version of Safe Steps, a falls risk reduction app has been launched.

I would also like to highlight important work which is being delivered in the borough through a partnership between our Public Health teams and the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group.

The services are reviewing the support available to local people (adults aged 16 years and over) who have concerns about being overweight. To make sure the services in future are tailored to meet local needs, they are seeking views from local people.

Weight management services are designed to support people to lose weight and reduce the health complications that arise from being overweight.

I would encourage Members to share this information through their networks and ask people to complete the survey, available on the [Wirral View website](#).

Finally, I want to highlight excellent news for our vulnerable people and residents of Leasowe. As part of our Budget for 2019/20, we will be developing a purpose-built centre providing day services for adults with a learning disability.

The £2m complex will be built on to the back of Leasowe Leisure Centre and be open for leisure centre customers in the evening. The new centre will help users learn new skills, build confidence, develop and enhance life skills whilst also offering opportunities to gain work experience.

Members can read more in the [Wirral Globe](#).