

## **The Vale of Glamorgan Council**

### **Cabinet Meeting: 18 September, 2017**

## **Report of the Cabinet Member for Social Care, Health and Leisure**

### **Services Fit for the Future - Quality and Governance in Health and Social Care Consultation**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To ensure that Cabinet has an opportunity to consider the proposed consultation response from the Vale of Glamorgan Council in relation to Welsh Government's proposals to change the quality and governance arrangements in health and social care.

#### **Recommendations**

That Cabinet:

1. Notes the content of this report.
2. Considers the consultation document, the proposed response from the Council as attached at [Appendix 1](#), and any comments from the Health Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee (to be tabled).
3. Approves the response from the Council, as attached at [Appendix 1](#), and delegates the Director of Social Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Social Care to make final amendments to that response, incorporating feedback from Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet.

#### **Reasons for the Recommendations**

- 1, 2, & 3. To provide Elected Members with an opportunity to contribute to the consultation process for this key area.

#### **Background**

2. The White Paper - Services Fit for the Future seeks views on proposals covering a number of health and social care issues which may require future legislation. Welsh Government's aim of any new legislation would be to enable organisations and empower citizens. Proposals include the strengthening of local health boards so they function as integrated, accountable, population-based organisations; new duties of

candour and quality; areas where health and social care can act more collaboratively; and more effective inspection, regulation and capture citizens' voices.

3. The White Paper covers four key areas: Effective Governance; Duties to Promote Cultural Change; Person-Centred Health and Care; and Effective Citizen Voice, Co-production and Clear Inspection.
4. The White Paper Consultation Document can be found at [https://consultations.gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultation\\_doc\\_files/170628consultationen.pdf](https://consultations.gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultation_doc_files/170628consultationen.pdf)
5. The proposed consultation response can be found at [Appendix 1](#).

### **Relevant Issues and Options**

6. This consultation document outlines a number of changes to the way health and social care services could operate and be governed in the future.

### **Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)**

7. The report is set within the context of:
  - increasing demand for help and support;
  - managing the impact of the UK Government's austerity measures on public sector finances, which means ongoing cuts to budgets for the foreseeable future; and
  - efforts to focus more of our work on supporting people to remain as independent as possible.

### **Sustainability and Climate Change Implications**

8. The need to ensure that services are sustainable in the longer-term is a key element in the priority outcomes set out in the annual report. This is consistent with the direction set by Welsh Government for delivering sustainable social services through greater emphasis on prevention and people accepting more responsibility for addressing factors which can unnecessarily increase demand for social care and health services.

### **Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)**

9. The legal implication of this consultation document are not yet known. Currently this is a proposal and Welsh Government are seeking views and will then determine whether this will lead to legislative change. The Consultation Document notes that no firm decisions have been made as to the proposals and therefore the proposals may be significantly different to those set out within the Consultation Document.
10. There are no crime and disorder implications as a direct result of this report.

### **Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)**

11. There are no equal opportunity implications as a direct result of this report. The White Paper Consultation document has an additional Impact Assessment which can be found at [https://consultations.gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultation\\_doc\\_files/170628impact-assessmenten.pdf](https://consultations.gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultation_doc_files/170628impact-assessmenten.pdf).

## **Corporate/Service Objectives**

12. Key objectives of the Council set out in the Corporate Plan 2016-20 and addressed by this report are:

- An Inclusive and Safe Vale: Reducing Poverty and exclusion.
- An Aspirational and Culturally Vibrant Vale: Valuing culture and diversity.
- An Active and Healthy Vale: Encouraging and promoting active and healthy lifestyles, Safeguarding those who are vulnerable and promoting independent living.

## **Policy Framework and Budget**

13. This is a matter for Executive decision by Cabinet.

## **Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)**

14. This report does not require ward member consultation

## **Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

15. Healthy Living and Social Care.

## **Background Papers**

[https://consultations.gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultation\\_doc\\_files/170628consultation.pdf](https://consultations.gov.wales/sites/default/files/consultation_doc_files/170628consultation.pdf)

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