



CABINET

13 December, 2017

Subject Heading:

Draft Joint Commissioning Strategy

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Policy context:

The Health and Wellbeing strategy is the overarching plan to improve the health and wellbeing of children and adults in our borough. In reference to the themes and priorities of the strategy the commitment is made that:

All of the above will need to be supported and facilitated by the continued development and delivery of integrated commissioning strategies and activities across the organisations represented on the (Health and Wellbeing) Board.

Financial summary:

There are no immediate financial implications associated with approval of the strategy. Its implementation will have significant financial implications and the expectation is that it will be delivered within budgetary provision available.

Is this a Key Decision?

This is a strategy that applies across the Council and as such will have a significant effect on two or more wards

When should this matter be reviewed?

October 2018

Reviewing OSC:

Individuals

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Communities making Havering
Places making Havering
Opportunities making Havering
Connections making Havering

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SUMMARY

The report details a strategic approach to commissioning across Adults Social Care; Public Health and Children's services. It is proposed that this is approved by Cabinet prior to public consultation, which will inform a full equalities assessment. Once the consultation process is complete the strategy will return for final sign off to give a basis for commissioners to operate from within the London Borough of Havering.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendation is that the draft strategy is approved prior to public consultation and development of a full equalities assessment before returning to Cabinet for final sign off. It will ultimately be the basis for operating for commissioners within the Joint Commissioning Unit, responsible for Adults Social Care, Children's and Public Health commissioning.

REPORT DETAIL

The report is the strategy as drafted. It is contained as Appendix 1.

REASONS AND OPTIONS

Reasons for the decision:

There is a need for commissioners to operate in a way that is understood, endorsed and approved by members

Other options considered:

To operate without a strategic document – rejected because the basis for commissioning and its approach needs to be understood and agreed.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

There are no direct financial implications arising from approval of the strategy itself. The strategy is designed to be the framework for strategic priorities addressed by the Joint Commissioning Team when commissioning services.

The implementation of the strategy through the commissioning of services will have financial implications on the Council. Individual commissioning decisions will be subject to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and financial scrutiny. The Joint Commissioning Team is required to stay within their allocated budgets and where this is not possible mitigations will need to be identified and managed.

The strategy focusses on prevention, personalisation and integration and partnerships. Notwithstanding this the Council needs to ensure it continues to meet its general Duty of Best Value to 'make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy efficiency and effectiveness'.

Legal implications and risks:

This report seeks approval of the draft Joint Commissioning Strategy, covering Adults' and Children's Services and Public Health.

Local authorities' statutory responsibilities for public health services are set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012, including a duty to take such steps as they consider appropriate for improving the health of the people in their areas.

Further, S1 Care Act 2014 provides that the general duty of a local authority, in exercising a function under Part 1 of the Act, in the case of an individual, is to promote that individual's well-being.

The Joint Commissioning Strategy for which approval is sought facilitates delivery of the Council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy and compliance with the Council's statutory responsibilities which it covers.

Officers will need to ensure that they comply with the Council's Contract Procedure rules and relevant EU and UK procurement legislation when undertaking specific commissioning exercises.

Human Resources implications and risks:

There are no direct human resources implications arising from approval of the strategy itself. The strategy is designed to be the framework for strategic priorities addressed by the Joint Commissioning Team when commissioning services.

The implementation of the strategy through the commissioning of services may have human resource implications and these will be managed within council rules and procedures.

Equalities implications and risks:

Havering has an evolving and increasingly diverse demographic and community profile. Different community groups can and do experience particular health challenges, and our commitment to addressing these, together with any perceived or actual health inequalities is essential in delivering this strategy. Our goal is to ensure the provision of appropriate and accessible services for everyone in Havering; regardless of age, disability, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexuality, or socio-economic status. Practically, our commitment to equality for all will be reflected in the commissioning of culturally inclusive prevention, care, and treatment interventions. We will also endeavour to consult with all community groups, carers, and other appropriate stakeholders, to ensure that our commissioning intentions are informed by actual service user needs and experiences.

Prior to going out to public consultation this draft strategy is for consideration and approval by Cabinet. A full Equalities Assessment will be produced as part of wider public consultation and accompany the strategy when it is brought back to Cabinet for the final approval as the Joint Commissioning Strategy for Havering.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None