

## **EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF CABINET HELD ON 11 JUNE 2019**

### **Adult Services Market Position Statement**

The report presented the Adult Services Market Position Statement (MPS) for Care and Support, revised following public consultation (copy attached to the signed minutes as Appendix B, along with the report of the Health and Wellbeing OSC circulated at the meeting).

Councillor Homer introduced the report in Councillor Jones' absence. The Local Authority had a duty under the Care Act to support the market in services for meeting care and support needs, to make sure that its residents, whether or not their support was funded by the local authority, had a choice of providers and of high quality services. Authorities had to consider both the current and likely future demand for services, the sustainability of the market, and how to foster continuous improvement and innovation.

To fulfil this duty, local authorities had to produce a "Market Position Statement" to set out to the market as a whole the likely need to extend or expand services, to encourage new organisations to the market, or if appropriate, to signal likely decreases in needs. The report set out the type and level of care Northumberland would need. The draft Market Position Statement had been subject to wide consultation and a number of events had been held with current care providers and housing providers.

The Service Director advised that this was a statutory requirement. Consultation had taken place between May and August of last year. The feedback had been generally positive with some minor amendments made as a result. The key issues were:-

- Developing more housing schemes to help support people to remain independent for as long as possible and reduce the number of people needing care home accommodation.
- Improving autism services.
- Opportunities to bid for contracts to deliver services
- Plans to commission new day services and support for carers.

It was important to note that this report was directed more towards providers than to client groups.

Councillor Moore presented the report of the Health and Wellbeing OSC. Members of the Committee had been impressed with the level of detail in the report and the measures identified to address the challenges facing the local authority. They had supported the report's recommendations.

**RESOLVED** that:-

- (a) the revised Market Position Statement be ratified and its publication be agreed; and
- (b) the report of the Health and Wellbeing OSC be noted.