

ADULTS AND HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

30 November 2017

JOINT CARERS STRATEGY 2018 - 2021

Report of the Director for People

Strategic Aim:	Reaching our Full Potential	
Exempt Information	No	
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Ward Councillors	All	

DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Panel:

1. Endorses the Joint Carers Strategy 2018 – 2021 draft as a Rutland County Council, East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG and Leicestershire County joint strategy.
2. Notes this strategy may be amended as appropriate following a consultation with the public in January 2018

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To seek comment on whether this draft strategy recognises, values and supports Carers in Rutland and Leicestershire.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The previous Carers Strategy has expired (the previous strategy was valid until 2016). Legislation and national guidance with regards to the role and duties of Local Authorities and NHS bodies towards carers has changed, therefore our carers offer and support needs to be adapted to incorporate these changes.
- 2.2 The Strategy seeks to respond to the issues related to caring that have been highlighted locally and set out how the partners signed up to this strategy will work together to address these.

- 2.3 The draft Joint Carers Strategy 2018-2021 has been developed using analysis of survey and performance data, and updates from the National Carers Policy Network, but with a clear focus on local carer views and experiences expressed through the significant engagement undertaken during the summer of 2017.
- 2.4 The strategy recognises that, working alongside partners, much can be achieved in terms of better supporting carers through increased awareness, greater appreciation of the role, and simplification of systems and processes.
- 2.5 Key priorities have been identified to support Carers to continue in their caring role and to maintain their own health and wellbeing.
- 2.6 The draft Carers Strategy has eight “key priorities”, and for each priority high level partnership actions have been determined.
- a) Carers are identified early and recognised
 - b) Carers are valued and Involved
 - c) Carers Are Informed
 - d) Carer Friendly Communities
 - e) Carers have a life alongside caring
 - f) Carers and the impact of Technology Products and the living space
 - g) Carers can access the right support at the right time
 - h) Supporting young Carers
- 2.7 Following the planned consultation due to take place in January 2018, the feedback received will be used to develop detailed action plans to support the Carers Strategy

3 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Across Leicestershire, Leicester City and Rutland carers contribute around £2 billion worth of support every year which has a significant positive impact on demand experienced across the health and social care sector, this strategy sets out clear priorities for supporting carers to undertake their caring role

4 APPENDICES

- A. Draft LLR Carers Strategy 2018-2021 – to be amended to reflect that Leicester City Council will no longer be a partner to this strategy
- B. Draft consultation document

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