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As the portfolio holder for Adults & Health for Rutland County Council, I would like to introduce our Adult Social Care Strategy.

What makes Rutland unique is its size and the make-up of its population. As the smallest county in the UK with an increasingly older population and many isolated communities, Rutland is wonderfully distinct. Due to our small size, we are able to promote and implement innovative approaches to dealing with issues surrounding Social Care provision. With the entire population similar to a small town elsewhere, one person with moderate social care needs can impact massively on the budget but the social care professionals who support people and provide care have achieved some exceptional results and the following strategy indicates our Adult Social Care ethos of providing a high level of care and kindness.

Adult Social Care supports the community through integration and partnership approaches, aligning together as one joined up service, bringing together a diverse and skilled workforce who provide a responsive, effective personalised service. We are aware of increased national pressures within the social care system to reduce costs but because of our small size this will be difficult, instead we will continue to encourage a multi-disciplinary approach to team working and search for creative solutions. Another aspect of our integrated neighbourhood approach is the RISE service (Rutland Integrated Social Empowerment) who have a multi-disciplinary facilitator who leads on neighbourhood facilitation and coordination, acting as a central point for information relating to health, social care and the voluntary sector via digital platforms which offer information, advice and guidance.

We provide excellent support through our Admiral Nursing Service who support the carers of people living with Dementia. The Carers Team work with individual Carers to support them in their caring role and raise their profile within the community. Our 'Outstanding' in house care provider MiCare offers joined up, personalised care for crisis, hospital discharge and end of life care. Adult Social Care provides a broad range of services including housing and resettlement support, a social work led front door service which responds to safeguarding concerns and new requests for support and the Hospital Discharge Team who prioritise rapid discharge home which frees up hospital beds and improves the flow through the system. For people seeking support Adult Social Care also offer a self-service portal which provides a digital option for those who wish to make referrals online.

Our four priorities encompass our approach to ensuring the dignity of all, and recognises people's right to be safe, supported by a community of networks, feel valued, and respected in a place they call home. Adult Social Care does this by providing a personalised approach which focusses on enhancing well-being.

There is no doubt that difficult decisions will have to be made, especially around budgets and service delivery. The Strategy sets out our priorities for the next four years and will be underpinned by our values of innovation, honesty and kindness and will influence key decisions moving forwards.