



Doncaster Council

Report

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To: Members of the Health and Adults' Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Report Title: Carers Strategy and Action Plan Update

Relevant Member(s)	Cabinet	Wards Affected	Key Decision?
Cllr Andrea Robinson Cllr Rachel Blake		All	No

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The panel is asked to give consideration to the presentation which describes completed actions and the next steps to be delivered across the partnership to bring the Carers' Strategy 2022-25 and Carers' Action Plan 2022-23 aims to fruition.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. This report is not exempt.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The panel is asked to consider and comment on the information provided by carers and partners contained as part of the presentation content and delivery.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. An improvement in recognition of the vital contribution carers make within our communities. This signals a strengthened partnership to identify, empower and value carers. The Carers' Action Plan anchors what carers tell us they need, to drive meaningful change in improving Doncaster's Carer offer. It also seeks to acknowledge the challenges that carers have faced over the last few years, particularly in relation to Covid, and improve the support available to all carers when they need it.

BACKGROUND

5. The ethos of co-production is that no policy should be decided by any representative without the full and direct participation of members of the group(s) affected by that policy. This is the approach that the Council is seeking to take with carers.
6. "We hear, we listen, we care, if you care" Doncaster's All Age Carer's Strategy 2022- 2025 is now in place and includes six key areas which have been identified by carers for the partnership to work on. Carers from the Carers Action Group (CAG) have produced the Carers' Action Plan covering these areas, as illustrated below-



7. Cabinet Meeting on 11 May 2022

Carers were invited to speak at the Cabinet Meeting on 11 May 2022 for approval of the Doncaster All Age Carer's Strategy 2022-2025. Geoffrey Johnson, Valerie Wood and Tommy Shaw (Chair of the Young Carers) kindly attended- thanks extended from this group for giving their valuable time to be part of this meeting.

Decision taken by Cabinet as a result of the meeting

- I. Approved the All Age Carer's Strategy for Doncaster 2022-25 with accompanying action plan for 2022-23 and
- II. The Director of Adults, Health and Well-being, in conjunction with the Portfolio Holder, partners and carers produce an annual report detailing measurable outcomes to be presented to Cabinet at the end of 2022/23.

- The Carers' Action Plan has since been agreed at Councillor Robinson and Councillor Blake's respective Portfolio Meetings in August 2022. The plan allows respective organisations to factor in their own lines of accountability through the Carers' Strategic Oversight Group to provide evidence and metrics against each area as these cannot be prescribed by the developers of the plan itself. This approach aims to build organisational and individual accountability.
- The content of the presentation describes the progress made and details some next steps following the launch of the Carers' Strategy in May 2022 and the Action Plan that followed in July 2022.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- Opportunity for panel to feedback and comment.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

- To provide an inclusive approach to the Carers' Strategy and Carers' Action Plan for Doncaster.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

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Great 8 Priority	Positive Overall	Mix of Positive & Negative	Trade-offs to consider – Negative overall	Neutral or No implications
 Tackling Climate Change				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 Developing the skills to thrive in life and in work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
The Action Plan will help achieve equitable and inclusive lifelong learning and employment opportunities for carers who are all too often denied this.				
 Making Doncaster the best place to do business and create good jobs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
The plan will support good jobs from carer-friendly employers, including the Council.				

 Building opportunities for healthier, happier and longer lives for all	✓			
Support for carers will increase their own health and wellbeing as well as supporting more sustainable arrangements for the people they care for				
 Creating safer, stronger, greener and cleaner communities where everyone belongs				✓
 Nurturing a child and family-friendly borough	✓			
Support for carers of disabled children and for young carers will reduce stress and increase wellbeing.				
 Building Transport and digital connections fit for the future				✓
 Promoting the borough and its cultural, sporting, and heritage opportunities				✓
Fair & Inclusive	✓			
The main focus of this plan is ensuring that carers have the same opportunities as others in Doncaster's communities and its economy.				

Legal Implications [Officer Initials: SRF Date: 16th September 2022]

13. There are no specific legal implications arising from this report. Further advice can be provided on any questions raised by the panel.

Financial Implications [Officer Initials: PW Date: 16th September 2022]

14. This report is intended to provide an update on the Carers' Strategy and Carers' Action Plan and as such there are no financial implications arising from it. Any actions relating to future Carers' Action Plan items will be reported on as appropriate and any financial implications considered as part of that process.

Human Resources Implications [Officer Initials: EL Date: 16th September 2022]

15. There are minimal HR implications contained in this report. However, further dialogue is required with Human Resources to meet the actions contained within the action plan from a Human Resources perspective.

Technology Implications [Officer Initials: PW Date: 15th September 2022]

16. There are no specific technology implications at this stage. However, any requirements for new, enhanced or replacement technology to support the delivery of the Carers' Strategy 2022-25 and Carers' Action Plan 2022-23 will need to be considered and prioritised by the Technology Governance Board (TGB).

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

17. None identified

CONSULTATION

18. The strategy and action plan has been co-produced with carers, to voice their experiences to enable positive changes, in order to improve the wellbeing of Doncaster carers.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

19. Carers' Action Plan - attached
Oversight and Scrutiny - Carers' Presentation - attached
Carers' Strategy <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/adult-social-care/carers-strategy>

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

20. Non applicable

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