

REPORT TO: Health Policy & Performance Board
DATE: 4 June 2013
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Communities
PORTFOLIO: Health and Adults
SUBJECT: Draft Adult Social Care Annual Report 2012/13
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present the Board with the Draft Adult Social Care Annual Report 2012/13 for approval.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That: The Board comment on the draft Adult Social Care Annual Report 2012/13 at Appendix 1.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 This is the second Adult Social Care Annual Report that the Directorate has produced since they were introduced in 2011. Although not a mandatory requirement, the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) supports Council's producing annual reports as good practice.

3.2 An initial framework was developed for the content of the Annual Report using the Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework (ASCOF) domains. Managers were asked to provide detail of progress and achievements in these areas during 2012/13, written with the audience being the general public.

3.3 The draft will be shared with Service Users and Carers by Commissioning Managers through community groups such as Halton Speak Out, Halton Disability Partnership, Healthwatch, Halton Open, etc., to enable their views and comments to be considered.

3.4 The final draft will be formatted by Communications and Marketing at the beginning of June, and publication of the Annual Report will be during July.

3.5 Performance information is limited until adult social care annual returns have been completed towards the end of May, so this information will be added at that time.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Towards Excellence in Adult Social Care (TEASC) national programme board has outlined that one of the key principles of sector-led improvement is “that stronger accountability through increased transparency drives further improvement. One of the key challenges to this is finding meaningful ways of reporting back to citizens and consumers about performance locally”.

5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The Local Account is to be published as a Web-accessible document on the Halton Borough Council website. Publicity associated with publishing on the web is presented in the Communications Plan in Appendix 2.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL’S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

N/A

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

N/A

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

N/A

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

N/A

6.5 **Halton’s Urban Renewal**

N/A

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

- 7.1 Failure to produce a Local Account for Halton may be perceived negatively by ADASS in terms of sharing learning and best practice. However, Councils are no longer mandated by Government and are able to exercise local discretion regarding how and when the Local Account is published.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 8.1 The Local Account meets Council requirements in association with the local equality and diversity policy.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None under the Meaning of the Act.

