



Report of the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Community Health Services

Cabinet - 15 July 2021

West Glamorgan Regional Carers Strategy

Purpose:	This report details the 5 year West Glamorgan Regional Carers Strategy and for Swansea Council to endorse as a part of the West Glamorgan Regional arrangements
Policy Framework:	Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014, Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015
Consultation:	West Glamorgan Regional Partners, Social Services, Access to Services, Finance, Legal, and citizens
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that Cabinet:- 1) Approve the Five Year West Glamorgan Regional Carers Strategy and supporting Quick Reference Guide document (Appendix 1 and 2).
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The West Glamorgan Carers Partnership Board has developed a Five Year Regional Carers Strategy and supporting Quick Reference Guide, covering the West Glamorgan area of Neath Port Talbot and Swansea. If approved, Swansea Council will work with the Regional Carers Partnership Board to develop an action plan. This action plan will set out how the organisations signed up to the Strategy, including the Council, will work together to achieve the outcomes and objectives within the document.

- 1.2 The Regional Carers Strategy defines a five-year strategy for carers in West Glamorgan. The document establishes a clear, concise vision statement and mission statement which will guide our regional plans and actions over the next five years. It also describes the values which we will uphold throughout our efforts to deliver the strategy and the subsequent Action Plans.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Strategy defines the vision and mission statement of the West Glamorgan partners, who are Swansea Council, Neath Port Talbot Council and Swansea Bay University Health Board, with regards to supporting carers.

Vision:

Carers are identified, recognised and supported to care. They have a life alongside caring and have a feeling of well-being throughout their caring journey.

Mission:

We will work together to improve the wellbeing of carers in West Glamorgan by listening, learning, being supportive and delivering changes through the Regional Partnership that meet the rights and needs of carers.

- 2.2 This document also sets out the strategic approach to how the West Glamorgan partners will implement the strategy; including the outcomes and objectives to be achieved over the five year period and how this will be monitored.
- 2.3 If the Strategy is approved, Council officers will work with the Regional Carers Partnership Board to develop an action plan.
- 2.4 This action plan will detail the way in which the intended outcomes and objectives of the Strategy are to be delivered and will be aligned to the Strategies key themes of:
- Balancing priorities;
 - Supporting each other;
 - Information and advice;
 - Identified and recognised;
 - Dignity and respect;
 - Support services.

3. Integrated Impact Assessments

- 3.1 The Council is subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty (Wales) and must, in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socio-economic disadvantage

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2005 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development.

Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the 'well-being goals'. Our Integrated Impact Assessment process ensures that we have paid due regard to the above.

- 3.2 An IIA Screening Form has been completed with the agreed outcome that there are no negative impacts, in fact the introduction of the strategy highlights potential positive impacts; that services to people with protected characteristics may increase; that the proposals are compatible with corporate priorities and WBFGA obligations. Therefore a full IIA report is not required.
- 3.3 Please refer to **Appendix 3** Integrated Impact Assessment Screening Form as a background paper

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 This strategy will ensure that we are compliant with the relevant parts of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial impacts directly arising from the endorsement of this Strategy. However, the delivery of some actions required to achieve the aims and objectives of the Strategy will require financial investment.
- 5.2 It is intended that the actions from this strategy will help inform the strategic allocation of the element of the Welsh Government Integrated Care Fund that is ring fenced for carer services.

Background Papers: None.

Appendices:

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| Appendix 1 | West Glamorgan Regional Carers Strategy |
| Appendix 2 | West Glamorgan Regional Strategy Quick Reference Guide |
| Appendix 3 | Integrated Impact Assessment Screening Form |