

# **ADULT AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD**

29 SEPTEMBER 2022

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

### **Present:**

Councillor: Bob Buchan (In the Chair)

Councillors: Gary Allen, Angela Falconer, Ged Hall, Sue Little, and Mike Young.

Also present: Councillor Pamela Hargreaves as substitute for Councillor Ben Clayton in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.2.  
Frank Harrison and Evelyn Leck.

Karen Daglish, Seascapes Delivery Manager

Officers: Jill Harrison, Director of Adult and Community Based Services  
Gemma Ptak, Assistant Director, Preventative and Community Based Services  
Sarah Scarr, Head of Service - Heritage and Open Spaces  
David Cosgrove, Democratic Services Team

### **13. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ben Clayton.

### **14. Declarations of Interest**

None.

### **15. Minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2022**

Received.

### **16. National Lottery Heritage Fund Seascapes Project** *(Assistant Director (Preventative and Community Based Services))*

#### **Type of decision**

For information.

### **Purpose of report**

To update the Adult and Community Based Services Committee on the National Lottery Heritage Fund project known as Seascapes which is currently ongoing. The project boundary reaches from the Tyne to the Tees with a number of activities and projects being delivered within Hartlepool.

### **Issue(s) for consideration**

Durham Heritage Coast formed a partnership in 2017 comprising a group of local, regional and national partners to submit a National Lottery Heritage Fund bid to establish a model for the management of the coast and inshore water between the Tyne and Tees rivers. The bid was successful and after a period of development the project was launched in 2020.

Seascapes covers the Magnesian Limestone Coast from South of the River Tyne to the River Tees. The boundary runs from the England Coast Path out to 6 nautical miles and is united by unique geology, the natural environment and a shared cultural heritage. The project aims to better protect and celebrate this heritage-rich and distinctive coastline.

The Seascapes Delivery Manager gave a presentation to the Committee outlining the background to the scheme, it's achievements to date and some of the projects that had taken place along the Hartlepool coastline.

Members welcomed the Seascapes scheme and discussed some of the projects that were taking place around Hartlepool. Members welcomed the involvement of local school children and questioned how best to access information on the scheme. The Seascapes representative indicated that their website had up-to-date information on the various projects and how to get involved. Members particularly welcomed the scheme organisers reaching out to some of the harder to reach social groups.

### **Decision**

That the report be noted and that the Seascapes representative be thanked for their very informative presentation.

## **17. Events Update** (*Assistant Director (Preventative and Community Based Services)*)

### **Type of decision**

For information.

### **Purpose of report**

To provide the Committee with an update on events that have been delivered or supported by the Council's Active and Creative Hartlepool

Team and to celebrate the outcomes that have been achieved, and to share an update on celebrations held across Hartlepool for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

**Issue(s) for consideration**

The Assistant Director, Preventative and Community Based Services reported on some the events that had taken place over the past year highlighting some of the numbers of people involved. The Assistant Director also showed a short promotional video that showcased some the past events. Members welcomed the report and the video and congratulated all those involved in the events reported. Members stated that they had attended many of the events and the Waterfront Festival was particularly highlighted as being very successful and clearly enjoyed by all those that had attended. The Assistant Director thanked Members for their comments and commented that all the events had been funded through one-off or external grant funding.

**Decision**

That the report be noted.

**18. Adult Social Care Performance and Benchmarking Update** *(Director of Adult and Community Based Services)*

**Type of decision**

For information.

**Purpose of report**

The report provides an update on adult social care performance and a summary of how this compares to other local authorities nationally.

**Issue(s) for consideration**

The Director of Adult and Community Based Services reported that the Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework (ASCOF) was introduced in 2011/12 to measure how well social care services deliver outcomes for people, with a focus on the issues that people have identified as being important for themselves and their friends and relatives such as:

- treating people with dignity and respect;
- supporting people to stay well and independent; and
- supporting people to play an active part in their local communities.

LG Futures also undertakes analysis nationally to benchmark performance and value for money using actual expenditure data from the Adult Social Care Finance Returns (ASC-FR) and client data from the Short and Long Term Return (SALT) collection, combined with Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework (ASCOF) performance data. This involves comparing local authorities to those identified as having similar demographics and levels of deprivation (referred to as a 'nearest neighbours group') and across all 151 authorities nationally.

The Director reported that the most up to date LG Futures report which draws information from the ASCOF for 2020/21, looks at performance and value for money for adults aged 18-64 and then for adults aged 65 and over. The key findings for Hartlepool are as follows:

- Performance relating to 18-64 year olds – 7th highest in the country.
- Performance relating to over 65s – 11th highest in the country.
- Value for money for 18-64 year olds – 2nd highest in country.
- Value for money for over 65s – 6th highest in country.

All of these results are based on a ranking of all 151 authorities. This information will be updated using 2021/22 performance data which has not yet been made publically available.

The Director reported that there are two performance measures identified in the benchmarking report and through internal analysis which had been identified as requiring further investigation as performance was below average in the reporting year.

The first of these relates to the proportion of older people receiving self-directed support, where the national average was 93.1% and the figure for Hartlepool was 90.4%. Although this still represented very good performance, an audit of this indicator would be undertaken to ensure that data was being collected and reported correctly, and to provide assurance that older people were directing their own support as far as they are able to.

The second measure subject to further analysis and audit was the number of people aged 18-64, per 100,000 population, who were admitted to residential or nursing care. The national average for this indicator in 2020/21 was 13.7 while the figure for Hartlepool was 21.7 (the LGA Futures report contains a figure of 32.5 which was inaccurate and was corrected following the data submission closing). Despite this correction officers remained concerned that this was not an accurate representation of the position in Hartlepool, where staff and managers were committed to supporting people to remain as independent as possible in their own home for as long as possible, utilising a range of community support options before permanent residential care is considered.

Members welcomed the report and congratulated all the staff in the department for delivering such high standards, particularly when recognising that Hartlepool was one of the smallest local authorities in the country. A Member questioned some the processes around Direct Payments to people who wished to manage their own care. The Director stated that there were a number of options available to people and the department provided advice and guidance through the process. There were no caps to personal budgets, the person's needs were fully assessed and then an indicative budget calculated around those to ensure their needs were met.

There was some discussion on the number of people subject to Deprivation of Liberty (DoLS) authorisations. The Director commented that there were no performance targets relating to the number of DoLS as activity is driven by local need. The Director also stated that DoLS ensure that people without capacity to make their own decisions are protected through the appropriate legal framework.. There was also discussion around one of the services commissioned by the Council and how complaints were managed.

The Chair and Vice-Chair commented that there were many awards schemes for many other service areas but none for Adult Social Care which seemed to be a gap when there was such excellent work going on in the community.

**Decision**

That the report be noted.

**19. Any Other Items which the Chairman Considers are Urgent**

None.

The meeting concluded at 11.35 am

**H MARTIN**

**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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