



CABINET - 10 OCTOBER 2017

**DELEGATION OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE FUNCTIONS TO BLABY
DISTRICT COUNCIL (LIGHTBULB PROGRAMME) - URGENT
ACTION BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES

PART A

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Cabinet of urgent action taken by the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, to delegate the Adult Social Care (ASC) functions to be undertaken under the Lightbulb Programme pathway to Blaby District Council.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that the Cabinet notes the urgent action taken by the Chief Executive under delegated powers, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, to delegate the Adult Social Care functions to be undertaken under the Lightbulb Programme pathway to Blaby District Council as detailed in paragraph 19 of this report.

Reasons for Recommendation

3. The delegation of those ASC functions detailed in paragraph 19 of this report is a requirement under the legal agreement necessary to enable the delivery of a streamlined housing support pathway under the Lightbulb Programme being hosted by Blaby District Council.
4. Urgent action was taken by the Chief Executive on 12 September 2017 to delegate these ASC functions to Blaby District Council to enable the Lightbulb Programme to be rolled out to all Leicestershire districts by 2 October 2017.

Timetable for Decisions (including Scrutiny)

5. The Lightbulb Programme is planned for wider roll out to all districts on 2 October 2017.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

6. On 23 November 2016, the Cabinet agreed the Lightbulb Business Case for transforming practical housing support, which included an integrated model of housing support for the Leicestershire Equipment, Adaptations and Assistive Technology Strategy and Delivery Plan.
7. The Lightbulb Programme sits alongside a range of other initiatives as part of Leicestershire's developing Unified Prevention Offer, ensuring a co-ordinated approach to preventative services both across the County and different stakeholder organisations, including district councils and local Clinical Commissioning Groups.
8. The Programme's integrated approach to housing support directly aligns with the vision outlined in Leicestershire's Adult Social Care Strategy - 'to make the best use of available resources to keep people in Leicestershire independent'. The Lightbulb Programme's service model will help ensure people get the right level and type of support at the right time to help prevent, delay or reduce the need for ongoing support and maximise their independence.
9. The Lightbulb Programme will make a significant contribution to achieving the aims set out in the Adult Social Care Older Persons Accommodation Strategy, will support delivery of the Early Help and Prevention Review, and represents an opportunity to work in partnership alongside district councils to achieve service transformation in line with the Council's objectives.

Resource Implications

10. The Council has agreed that the funding to support the Lightbulb Programme will be proportionate to the current ASC spend on housing related services. Therefore there are no resource implications arising from this report.
11. The County Council's Occupational Therapy staff are aligned to the Lightbulb Programme.
12. The Director of Law and Governance has been consulted in the preparation of this report.

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None

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PART B

Background

13. The Lightbulb Programme is hosted by Blaby District Council on behalf of the County Council and all district councils in Leicestershire. The roll out has been successfully piloted in Blaby and is planned for wider roll out across all districts from 2 October 2017. This will see the introduction of the new end to end pathway for housing support which includes the ASC responsibilities currently undertaken by the County Council for assessment and support for housing related functions in line with the Care Act 2014.
14. The new integrated model for housing support will deliver savings to the health and care economy by maximising the part that housing support can play in keeping people independent in their homes; preventing or reducing care home placements or demand on other social care services, avoiding unnecessary hospital admissions/readmissions or GP visits, and facilitating hospital discharge.
15. Benefits for service users are envisaged as improving the customer journey, making services easier to access and navigate and ensuring the right solution is available at the right time with the right outcome.
16. The new housing support pathway will provide efficient, cost effective service delivery, particularly in relation to the delivery of Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs).

Proposals

17. As part of the Lightbulb agreement ASC contracts and services from the Community Assessment Team (Red Cross) and Housing Improvement Agency (Papworth) have been decommissioned and those functions will now be undertaken by the Lightbulb staff employed by Blaby District Council as trusted assessors.
18. The Occupational Therapy Service within ASC has been aligned with the new pathway for housing support under the Lightbulb Programme and this will provide professional assessment and support for complex DFG requests in each locality and assist with training and mentoring of staff in the Lightbulb Programme to undertake the delegated ASC functions detailed below.
19. The ASC delegated functions that will be undertaken by Blaby District Council are described as:
 - a) carrying out assessments under sections 9 and 10 of the Care Act 2014 for minor adaptations;
 - b) prescribing any community equipment as defined in Regulations 2 and 4 of the Preventing Needs for Care and Support Regulations 2014;

- c) providing information and advice on care and support available in the community that can support the person in meeting eligible needs in accordance with section 4 of the Care Act 2014;
- d) providing a range of or otherwise identify services, facilities and resources to prevent delay or reduce the needs of adults in accordance with section 2 of the Care Act 2014.

Consultation

- 20. Further consultation is not required for delegation of ASC functions.
- 21. Consultation on the Lightbulb Programme has been undertaken as outlined in the Cabinet report on the 23 November 2016.
- 22. Customer feedback and insight has been gathered as part of the pilot testing with very positive outcomes reported.

Background Papers

- Report to Cabinet on 23 November 2016 – Transforming and Integrating Practical Housing Support in Leicestershire - <http://politics.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MId=4607>
- Report to Cabinet: 10 March 2017 – Accommodation Strategy for Working Age Adults 2017-2022 - <http://politics.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=135&MId=4859>

Equality and Human Rights Implications

- 23. There are no equality or human rights implications arising from this report.

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