

# HEALTH & WELLBEING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

## Agenda Item 67

Brighton & Hove City Council

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Adults with Autistic Spectrum Conditions: Update on Implementation of Agreed Scrutiny Panel Recommendations</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>23 April 2013</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Head Of Law (Monitoring Officer)</b>		
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

### FOR GENERAL RELEASE

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 In 2011 a scrutiny panel was established to look at services for adults with an autistic spectrum condition. The panel, chaired by Cllr Steve Harmer-Strange, and including Cllrs Alex Phillips, David Watkins and Anne Meadows, reported to the Adult Social Care & Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee (ASCHOSC) on 10 March 2011. The report was then considered by Cabinet at its 17 March 2011 meeting, where the majority of the report recommendations were accepted.
- 1.2 The Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) received an update report on 06 November 2011. The current report provides a further update on progress towards implementing the agreed report recommendations. **Appendix 1** to this report includes information provided by Adult Social Care detailing progress towards implementing each of the agreed panel recommendations. Appendix 2 is the city Joint Commissioning Strategy for Adults with Autistic Spectrum Conditions – the vehicle via which the majority of agreed panel recommendations are to be enacted.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That HWOSC members consider and comment on the contents of this report and its appendices.

#### 3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 The implementation of (agreed) scrutiny panel recommendations is routinely monitored by the relevant scrutiny committee until members are content that all necessary actions have been undertaken. This is the second monitoring report regarding the Adults with Autistic Spectrum Conditions (ASC) scrutiny panel which reported in 2011.
- 3.2 The Adults with ASC scrutiny panel was time-tabled to precede and inform both a local needs assessment of adults with ASC and the development of a local autism strategy for adults, and many of the panel's accepted recommendations were incorporated into the autism strategy. In most respects this represents very good practice, ensuring that panel recommendations inform the highest level of strategic thinking and are coordinated with other aspects of autism services planning from an early stage. However, the development and implementation of multi-year multi-partner strategies is inevitably (and quite properly) a lengthy process. This does mean that some of the panel recommendations have not yet been implemented, but it is important to understand that this is essentially because they have been incorporated into the autism strategy (which is being implemented incrementally over three years), rather than because implementation has been unduly delayed.
- 3.3 **Appendix 1** to this report has been provided by Adult Social Care and includes detailed information on the implementation of each agreed panel recommendation.

#### **4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 None with regard to this monitoring report.

#### **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

##### Financial Implications:

- 5.1 None with regard to this monitoring report.

##### Legal Implications:

- 5.2 None with regard to this monitoring report.

##### Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 None with regard to this monitoring report.

##### Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 None with regard to this monitoring report.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 None with regard to this monitoring report.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 None with regard to this monitoring report.

Public Health Implications:

- 5.7 None with regard to this monitoring report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.8 None with regard to this monitoring report.

**6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):**

- 6.1 This is a monitoring report rather than one proposing any active decision.

**7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 This is a monitoring report and not one requiring a specific decision.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendices:**

1. Information provided by Adult Social Care (details of implementation in regard to each of the agreed panel recommendations).
2. Joint Commissioning Strategy for Adults with Autistic Spectrum Conditions

### **Documents in Members' Rooms**

None

### **Background Documents**

1. Scrutiny Panel report on Adults with Autistic Spectrum Conditions (2011)
2. The Autism Act (2009)