



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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ITEM 11

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Update on Budget Consultation - Livewell

Purpose

- 1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) has previously received a report on the proposals to refocus the Livewell service and opportunity to participate in the public consultation as well as a verbal update on the progress of the open consultation in January.
- 1.2 This report is provided as an update to the HWB on the recent consultation on proposed changes to Livewell provision and decision at full Council on 27th February.

Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To note the update provided.
- 2.2 To support working with the Council and Livewell to ensure that the service that is provided going forward meets the needs of those in most need.

Reason(s)

- 3.1 To ensure the HWB is fully informed of the outcome of the consultation and subsequent decision-making.
- 3.2 To maximise the health outcomes of the services that is delivered in 2019/20.

Supporting information

- 4.1 As previously reported the Council, in meeting its responsibility to set a balanced revenue and capital budget for 2019/20, proposed that the Livewell funding be reduced by £400k in 2019/20.
- 4.2 This proposal, amongst others, formed part of a public consultation by the Council which was open between 9th November 2018 and 1st February 2019.

- 4.3 559 respondents gave their views on the Livewell proposals as part of the survey. Many of those that gave their feedback were directly impacted by the proposals with a third (33.5%) being current or past service users and just over a fifth (20.9%) working as health and social care professionals or commissioners in the city
- 4.4 Overall there was strong opposition to the proposals with the vast majority (86.9%) either disagreeing or strongly disagreeing that the Council should reduce the service currently provided.
- 4.5 Nearly all respondents (91.6%) stated that if the proposals were implemented it would have a big impact on Derby as a whole.
- 4.6 Many respondents volunteered alternative suggestions or ideas about how these services could be delivered differently in the future whilst still making the savings needed. These suggestions have been coded into themes. The top three themes identified were:
1. A nominal charge or subsidy or charge particular individuals / means test.
 2. Find funding from elsewhere in Council.
 3. Comments which generally opposed the proposal or messages of support for the service.
- 4.7 In addition to the survey responses, a number of consultees sent in emails and letters giving their feedback. The majority of these came from organisations and professionals from across health and social care services and organisations in Derby. This included feedback from North Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and different departments within University Hospitals of Derby and Burton (UHDB).
- Alongside this, 20 comments were received by the Livewell service via social media sites.

- 4.8 The Cabinet provided the following response to the consultation in relation to the proposals to refocus Livewell services:

“Cabinet recognises the significant response particularly from service users, local residents and local health and care professionals to the proposed changes to Livewell provision with 60% of all feedback commenting on Livewell. The responses we have received through the consultation include some impacts identified, useful suggestions and opportunities which we will give further consideration to, in discussion with key partners and stakeholders, as we finalise the shape of Livewell’s provision in 2019/20 to ensure that we are able to deliver the best possible service.

Although both the Equalities Impact Assessment and Quality Impact Assessments completed highlight a number of risks and impacts associated with the proposals a range of mitigating actions have been identified. It is anticipated that this will reduce the potential negative impact and allow Livewell services to be targeted to ensure they remain accessible to those in greatest need.

The strength of response to the consultation has reinforced our view that we need to maintain Livewell provision in the coming years, and we will be considering how to achieve this within our ongoing financial challenges”.

- 4.9 The Livewell proposals were considered alongside all budget proposals were considered by Council on 27th February 2019 in the item ‘[Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20 – 2022/23, Revenue and Capital Final Budget Setting for 2019/20, Treasury Management Update and Strategy 2019/20, Housing Revenue Account Final Budget Setting 2019/20, Dedicated Schools Grant 2019/20, Capital Strategy and Pay Policy](#)’. The item included the full consultation report.
- 4.10 At this meeting Council agreed the Council budget for 2019/20 which included agreement of the proposals to the Livewell service.
- 4.11 Work is now underway to implement these proposals to effect changes to the provision as of 1st April 2019. To enable this transition there will be some interruption to new referrals for some services. Despite the reduction in funding, Livewell will continue to deliver a high quality service to its service users with those in most need prioritised

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 A full public consultation has been held.

Other options

- 6.1 None.

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 None in relation to this report. Issues relating to the proposals themselves highlighted in previous report to the HWB

Legal implications

- 8.1 None in relation to this report. Issues relating to the proposals themselves highlighted in previous report to the HWB

Other significant implications

- 9.1 None in relation to this report. Issues relating to the proposals themselves highlighted in previous report to the HWB

This report has been approved by the following people:

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