

REPORT TO: Health & Wellbeing Board

DATE: 15 January 2025

REPORTING OFFICER: Executive Director, Adults Services

PORTFOLIO: Adult Social Care

SUBJECT: Adult Social Care Annual Report 2023/24

WARD(S) Borough Wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present to the Executive Board the Adult Social Care Annual Report for 2023-2024.

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the report be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Attached to this report is the ASC Annual report for 2023-2024, also known as 'The Local Account'. An Easy Read Version is also attached.

3.2 The Adult Social Care Annual report is now an embedded part of the reporting cycle for Halton Borough Council. Whilst it is not a mandatory requirement, it is viewed as good practice by ADASS.

3.3 The Annual report demonstrates an open approach to our successes, challenges and where we can develop further, in order to improve outcomes for people with care and support needs and their unpaid carers within Halton.

3.4 As agreed by SMT in July 2024, the theme of this year's report is 'prevention and wellbeing'. The focus of the report is to highlight the work that has taken place across the Directorate in recognising and responding to the National and Local drivers of prevention as a catalyst for change in how services are delivered to prevent or delay the need for statutory services.

3.5 The report is structure around the following areas:

1. Ensuring prevention and wellbeing is a priority across everything we do
2. Supporting prevention and wellbeing by understanding our residents needs
3. Supporting prevention and wellbeing through our services

- 3.6 The report also highlights what the local provision of ASC looks like, along with some high level data on service usage, spend, customer care and safeguarding.
- 3.7 This year a new section '*The Year Ahead – Priorities for 2024-2025*' has been included. The aim of this section is to provide a structure to the report that will allow progress against priorities to be measured year on year.
- 3.8 The report will also be circulated to:
- Health, Policy and Performance Board
 - Adults with Learning Disabilities Board
 - Newsletters (Adult Social Care News Bulletin; ASC Monthly Mashup)

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Whilst the Annual Report is not mandatory it is good practice, as endorsed by ADASS, and supports communication, information sharing and transparency between adult social care, the people who use our services and our stakeholders. It also serves as a review mechanism for Adult Social Care to consider as part of ongoing, continuous service improvement measures.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The Adult Social Care Annual Report is published online, incurring no print costs.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence**

The work of the Adults Directorate is essential to support the most vulnerable members of the community. This report sets out some of the key work undertaken across adult social care over 2023/24 to support people's wellbeing.

6.2 **Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy** None.

6.3 **Supporting Children, Young People and Families** None.

6.4 **Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need**

As 6.1.

6.5 **Working Towards a Greener Future**

None.

6.6 **Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community**

None.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 As the report will be a publicly available document this may prompt challenge, comment or enquiry from the community and stakeholders.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required for this report.

9.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 None.

10.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None under the meaning of the Act.