

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Cabinet	
MEETING DATE:	12th June 2013	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
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TITLE:	Personal Budgets: Implementation of the National Resource Allocation System Progress Report and the Wider Implications for the Adult Social Care Pathway & Personalisation	
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Appendix 1 - Personal Budgets: Implementation of the National Resource Allocation System Progress Report and the Wider Implications for the Adult Social Care Pathway & Personalisation		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The report summarises work undertaken since October 2012 to move from a local system for Personal Budgets resource allocation to the National Resource Allocation System (RAS).
- 1.2 The report then goes on to set out complementary work that is underway to adjust the focus of the current social care pathway to ensure that the new RAS is effective as possible and also supports the development and embedding of the personalisation of adult social care.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet agrees to:

- 2.1 Note progress in implementing the National Resource Allocation System and work that is underway to adjust the focus of the current social care pathway; and
- 2.2 Receive an update after the first year of implementation of the new RAS.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 A report to the Wellbeing Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel on 13th March 2012 set out the financial context for the proposed changes to the Personal Budgets Resource Allocation System, the implementation of which is assumed to be cost neutral overall.
- 3.2 There are no new financial implications arising from this progress report.

4 CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

- *Promoting independence and positive lives for everyone*

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 The main report (Appendix 1) provides details of:
- (1) Progress in implementing the national RAS and early findings from implementation; and
 - (2) Work underway to reconfigure the adult social care pathway to both support effective implementation of the RAS and, also, to further develop and embed the personalisation of adult social care.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 The report author and Lead Cabinet member have fully reviewed the risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

7 EQUALITIES

- 7.1 Equalities considerations were detailed in the October 2012 report to Cabinet. A formal EIA has been completed with advice and support from the Council's Equalities Team.

8 RATIONALE

- 8.1 The rationale for implementing the national RAS was set out in detail in the report to Cabinet in October 2012 and comprises three key strands:
- (1) Equalities considerations – the current system is inequitable and therefore open to potential challenge
 - (2) Financial – the current system is not financially sustainable
 - (3) Capacity/sustainability – the current system places a bureaucratic/processing burden on practitioners which is not sustainable.
- 8.2 During implementation of the national RAS, it has become increasingly clear that for the RAS to be as effective as possible it will be necessary to make changes to and adjust the focus of the current social care pathway.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 None. Failure to revise the current system is not a viable option for the reasons set out above.

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 *Ward Councillor; Cabinet members; Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Local Residents; Community Interest Groups; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies*

10.2 Consultation was undertaken during October to December 2012, in line with the proposals set out in the report to October Cabinet and included service user focus groups, mailshots and network meetings.

11 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

11.1 *Sustainability; Other Legal Considerations*

12 ADVICE SOUGHT

12.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	<i>Wellbeing Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel Report: 16th March 2012 'Personal Budgets: Review of Policy Framework & Resource Allocation System' Wellbeing Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel Report: 21st September 2012 "Personal Budgets: Review of Policy Framework & Resource Allocation (Progress Report)" Cabinet Report: 10th October 2012 "Personal Budgets: Review of Policy Framework & Resource Allocation (Progress Report)"</i>
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