

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET		
SUBJECT:	CARER FRIENDLY SOUTHAMPTON SCRUTINY INQUIRY RESPONSE & ADULT CARERS STRATEGY 2021-26 YOUNG CARERS STRATEGY 2021-26		
DATE OF DECISION:	17 NOVEMBER 2021		
REPORT OF:	COUNCILLOR WHITE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE		
<u>CONTACT DETAILS</u>			
AUTHOR:	Name:	Rachel Carse Carers Improvement Lead Wellbeing, Health & Adults Dan Buckle, Integrated Head of Service Prevention and Early Help, Wellbeing, Children & Learning	Tel: 07989330906
	E-mail:	rachel.carse@southampton.gov.uk dan.buckle@southampton.gov.uk	
Exec Director	Name:	Guy van Dichele, Wellbeing, Health & Adults Rob Henderson, Executive Director Wellbeing, Children & Learning	Tel: 07703498223 023 8083 4899
	E-mail:	Guy.VanDichele@southampton.gov.uk Rob.Henderson@southampton.gov.uk	

STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY
NOT APPLICABLE
BRIEF SUMMARY
The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee established a Scrutiny Inquiry into how unpaid carers and young carers were supported in the City, which reported in April 2021.
This paper sets out the Council's response to the Carer Friendly Southampton Scrutiny Inquiry's 10 recommendations underpinned by specific objectives. Appendix I provides full details on each recommendation.
The recommendations have been integrated into: Adult Carers Strategy 2021–2026

Young Carers Strategy 2021-2026

Both these documents detail SCC's overarching intentions.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

	(i)	To approve the response to the Carer Friendly Southampton Scrutiny Inquiry
	(ii)	To approve the Adult Carers and Young Carers Strategies 2021-26

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1.	<p>The main recommendations from the Scrutiny Inquiry provided an excellent kick start for the strategies. These have been incorporated and the strategies were then shared with a wide range of stakeholders, including carers in three face-to-face events and one online event, for comment. Comments on both strategies were made available to the public through Carers in Southampton's web site and a web-based form.</p> <p>Final versions have been drafted following this input and are attached. Appendix II and Appendix III</p>
2.	<p>Both strategies reflect the statutory duties the Local Authority has under two pieces of legislation: The Care Act 2014 / The Children and Families Act 2014</p>

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3.	N/A
----	-----

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

4.	<p>Evidence was gathered and presented to the Carer Friendly Scrutiny Inquiry by Carers living in the City, National Best Practice and evidence from health & social care service including voluntary organisations.</p> <p>There were 10 overarching recommendations, each with specific objectives to support them as summarised in Appendix 1, with proposed actions set out against each recommendation.</p>
5.	<p>Following this the two draft strategies, Adult Carers and Young Carers were developed and shared widely for comment with:</p> <p>Carers via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carers Co-production meeting• Carers Steering Group• Carers Partnership Board• 3 face-to face carers events• 1 online carers event• For those unable to attend, public comments could be gathered via the web-based form <p>Other stakeholder groups attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age Well Strategy Group

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Partnership Board • Learning Disability Partnership Board • End of Life Steering Group • Children’s Multi Agency Partnership Board • Adults Safeguarding Board • PCN Clinical Directors • Children’s safeguarding board • Carers Partnership Board (final carer sign off)
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
6.	<p>The Carers Strategy has set out an ambitious plan to identify and support more carers and young carers, neither receiving any financial support, in the city. £100k of the Better Care Fund has been allocated to respond to the initial needs in 2021/22.</p> <p>Supporting unpaid carers is viewed nationally and locally as being a highly effective way of supporting the most vulnerable people in communities.</p> <p>By supporting unpaid carers, the Council and the local health and social care services will be able to avoid or delay the use of higher cost services.</p> <p>It is anticipated that further investment in social care and health services will be required in future years, at present it is difficult to anticipate what funding will be required as the needs of the new carers identified are unknown. It is planned that Better Care funding will provide resources for development and piloting approaches to supporting carers, with a need to identify through annual budget rounds core base funding for adult social care.</p> <p>The Carers Strategy identifies the potential need for a carers’ hub or a number of centres in the city where carers can go to receive information, advice and support. Work is to commence in 2022/23 to coproduce with carers and stakeholders the infrastructure requirements. A business case setting out capital and revenue implications will be presented to the Council for consideration.</p>
<u>Property/Other</u>	
7.	N/A
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
8.	Care Act 2014
9.	The Children and Families Act 2014
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
10.	n/a

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
11.	n/a
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
12.	This is in accordance with Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2017-2025) .
13.	Young Carers Strategy supports the Child Friendly City bid 2024/25

KEY DECISION?	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>	
Appendices	
1.	Response to Carer Friendly Southampton Scrutiny Inquiry

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	Draft Adult Carers Strategy 2021/26 vs 3.2 25-10-21
2.	Draft Young Carers Strategy 2021/26 vs 2.7 26-10-21
3.	Equality Impact Assessment
Equality Impact Assessment – attached	
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.	No
Data Protection Impact Assessment	
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.	No
Other Background Documents	n/a
Other Background documents available for inspection at:	