

**DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE - 24TH NOVEMBER 2008**

**REPORT ON: DUNDEE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK**

**REPORT NO: 523 - 2006**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Committee Members of the Adult Mental Health and Well Being Strategy which has been developed through the Mental Health Strategic Planning Group.

1.2 A copy of the Adult Mental Health Strategy has been passed to each of the Group Leaders and Depute Lord Provost Ian Borthwick.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Committee:-

2.1 Endorses the Adult Mental Health and Well Being Strategy and instructs the Director of Social Work to ensure the strategy is widely distributed.

2.2 Instruct to the Director of Social Work to ensure implementation of the Strategy and Action Plan within the Social Work and Local Authority and partnership context.

**3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The financial implications are outlined in the Commissioning Framework which is annexed to the Report. This contains existing financial commitments with no additional financial implications herein.

**4.0 MAIN TEXT**

4.1 A report to the Social Work Committee in 2005 (Report No. 495-2005), Adult Mental Health Review in Tayside was approved by this committee on 22nd August 2005, outlined the background to the NHS Tayside Adult Mental Health Review Report and provided an update on developments. This outlined the strategic and service development direction for adult mental health services and associated financial framework over a five year period.

4.2 The Dundee Mental Health Strategic Planning Group has overseen the five year implementation of the recommendations for Dundee in respect of Adult Mental Health Services. In furthering the development of Adult Mental Health Services the Strategic Planning Group has developed a joint Mental Health and Well Being Strategy to take us forward over the next three years.

4.3 The joint strategy is a collaborative approach to implementing national mental health policies at a local level and is key to meeting local service development and commissioning priorities. This strategy is a first for Dundee and encompasses the mental well being agenda and also contributes to the local community planning partnership agendas.

4.4 The joint strategy meets the objectives of the Single Outcome Agreement particularly around promoting healthier lives and promoting mental well being. It also strengthens the corporate links between the Council's departments and Community Planning Partnerships.

4.5 The agreed Aims of the strategy are that:

- We will plan, fund and deliver services which promote recovery to mental health and which also promote mental well-being.
- We will help achieve the Scottish Government's goal for mental health and mental well-being
- We will engage with the local community in strategic planning and service developments
- We will engage with the community and voluntary sector on these issues
- We will co-ordinate our services so the arrangements for their delivery are integrated
- We will shift our resources so as to strengthen our investment in services and activities in the community (Shifting the Balance of Care)
- We will improve our arrangements for involvement of service users and their carers
- We will improve arrangements for reporting on our performance on all of the above – and also on our performance itself.

4.6 The Strategy has been endorsed by the Dundee Mental Health Stakeholders, the Adult Mental Health Strategic Planning and Implementation Group and the Health and Local Authority Management group in Dundee.

## **5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

The major issues identified are:

5.1 The strategy has been developed in accordance with the Single Outcome Agreement and as a long term plan aims to meet the mental health needs of the adult population in Dundee.

5.2 The thrust of the Adult Mental Health and Well Being Strategy is to promote better mental health and well being for the citizens of Dundee thereby improving health inequalities for all.

## **6.0 CONSULTATION**

The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Head of Finance, a wide representative of stakeholders from across the strategic and community planning partnerships including service users and carers have been involved and engaged in the process have been consulted in preparation of this report.

## **7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

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