



REPORT TO: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD – 23 OCTOBER 2024

REPORT ON: A CARING DUNDEE 2 – STATUTORY REVIEW

REPORT BY: CHIEF OFFICER

REPORT NO: DIJB52-2024

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Integration Joint Board that the Dundee Carers Partnership has commenced work to support the statutory review of a Caring Dundee 2.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board (IJB):

- 2.1 Note the requirement, under the Section 33 (3) of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016, to carry out a statutory review of A Caring Dundee 2 by 21 April 2025 (section 4.1).
- 2.2 Note the planned approach and timescale for completion of the statutory review of A Caring Dundee 2, led by Dundee Carers Partnership and supported by the Strategic Planning Advisory Group (section 4.2 and appendix 1).
- 2.3 Instruct the Chief Officer to bring forward a report setting out the recommendations of the statutory review of A Caring Dundee no later than 21 April 2025.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 None.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Background

- 4.1.1 The Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 introduced a duty, under Section 31 (1), for each local authority and health board to jointly prepare a local carer strategy. This duty and other associated duties under Part 5 of the Act were subsequently delegated to Integration Authorities under the Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Act. Dundee's first Carers Strategy was approved by the IJB October 2017 (Article X of the minute of the meeting of the Dundee Integration Joint Board held on 31 October 2017 refers), with the current strategy, *A Caring Dundee 2: A strategic plan for working alongside, supporting, and improving the lives of carers in Dundee 2021-2024*, having been approved by the IJB in October 2021 and published in April 2022 (Article XIII of the minute of the meeting of the Dundee Integration Joint Board held on 27 October 2021 refers).
- 4.1.2 The Act, and related regulations, also place a duty on Integration Authorities to review their statutory carers strategy at least once every three-years (sections 33 (3) and (4)) and to subsequently either prepare a revised strategy or to publish a statement that the strategy is not to be revised (sections 33 (6) and (7)). There is therefore a statutory requirement that 'A Caring Dundee 2' is reviewed prior to 21 April 2025 (three-years following the date it was published)

and that subsequent to this, appropriate actions are taken under sections 33 (6) and (7) of the Act. That statutory review must include opportunities for consultation with persons and bodies representative of carers (Section 31 (4)).

4.2 Statutory Review – Process and Timescale

4.2.1 The Dundee Carers Partnership is co-chaired by Dundee Health and Social Care Partnership and Dundee Carers Centre and draws membership from a range of statutory and third sector organisations, as well as including representatives of carers. It leads partnership work in relation to carers of all ages, including young carers, supported by the IJB's Strategic Planning Advisory Group. As part of their strategic planning role, the Carers Partnership has developed a plan to ensure that the statutory review of A Caring Dundee 2 is completed within the required timescale.

4.2.2 The Carers Partnership has identified the following key steps in the statutory review process:

- Analysis of national, regional, and local documents and information relevant to carers published over the last three years (see section 4.2.4 for further details).
- Collation and analysis of data, including strategic needs information and performance data; this will be progressed through a full update against the Carers Partnership Delivery Plan and of the Carers Strategic Needs Assessment. This will include relevant data regarding the impact of covid on carers and increasing health and social care needs across the population.
- Consideration of information regarding social and financial inclusion, including information from the recent Engage Dundee survey, the Carers Winter Fund and wider evidence regarding employability and the impact of changes to social security arrangements over recent years (specifically, changes to disability and carers benefits).
- Further work to develop the interface with Dundee City Council Children and Families and Communities Services, with a view to enhancing understanding of the needs of young carers and wider communities.
- Finalising the Carers Partnership Involvement Framework and implementing specific activities in the context of the statutory review of the plan (see section 4.2.3 for further details).
- Gathering further information about the impact of the Carers Charter.
- Further assessing the suitability of the Short Break Service Statement; including considering whether or not this remains fit-for-purpose or requires to be reviewed or replaced.
- Considering data and information regarding Carers eligibility criteria / replacement care and self-directed support.
- Focused strategy review and development sessions for the Carers Partnership (and identified wider stakeholders).

Please see appendix 1 for an overview timeline of the review process.

4.2.3 The Carers Partnership finalised their Involvement Framework in August 2024. This is a framework designed to actively promote engagement and participation of Carers in Dundee. The framework supports involvement of carers of all ages, from varied backgrounds, caring for a diverse range of people. The framework recognises that engagement and participation methods need to take account of individual circumstances and the issues being considered. Further information about carer involvement, including a draft of the Carers Partnership Involvement Framework can be found at: <https://carersofdundee.org/carers-involvement/>. Within the context of the overall Involvement Framework, the Carers Partnership has identified the following opportunities as being key to successful involvement of stakeholders in the statutory review process:

- Use of the Involvement Page on Carers of Dundee website to inform people of the statutory review and opportunities for involvement, including directed links to digital opportunities.
- Targeted engagement with young carers and parent carers, supported by Children and Families Services.
- Survey of the workforce staff and partner agencies, this will include information that we recognise that some workforce members will themselves be carers for family members, friends etc.
- Carers focus groups and support services continue to be provided on a locality basis with improved links to existing locality planning and involvement groups, such as Local Community Planning Partnerships, Health and Wellbeing Networks and the Community Health Advisory Forum.
- A public facing survey.
- Targeted engagement with age, health, and disability groups and with individuals and organisations representing people with protected characteristics.

4.2.4 As part of their planning for the statutory review the Carers Partnership has identified a number of significant national and local planning and policy developments that have taken place since A Caring Dundee was published in 2022. These include:

- National Developments
 - The publication of the National Carers Strategy with a focus on: social and financial inclusion; the impact of COVID; acknowledgement of demographic pressures; intensive caring; and, deprivation (<https://www.gov.scot/publications/nationalcarers-strategy/>).
 - The introduction of National Care Service Bill, in particular a proposed statutory right to breaks from caring.
 - Scottish Children's Rights legislation passed and enacted.
 - The planned introduction of Scottish Carer's Assistance replacing Carers Allowance in 2024.
 - Carers Act Implementation monies ending.
 - Development of the Scottish Human Rights Bill.
- Local Developments:
 - The introduction of the IJB Plan for Excellence in Health and Social Care in Dundee.
 - Tayside Plan for Children, Young People and Families 2023-26.
 - The City Plan for Dundee 2022-2032.
 - The Council Plan 2022-2027.

These changes within the wider planning and policy context have had significant implications for carers in Dundee and across Scotland. The Carers Partnership recognises that this means it is likely that the statutory review of a Caring Dundee 2 will identify that the strategy needs to

be reviewed and updated to reflect these developments, as well as other factors identified through the range of activities identified in section 4.2.2.

4.3 Next Steps

4.3.1 The Carers Partnership will continue to progress the activities planned to complete the statutory review, as outlined in section 4.2 of this report. In the meantime, A Caring Dundee 2 remains in place and will continue to guide the work of the Carers Partnership to sustain and improve services and supports for carers living and working in the local area. Alongside progress the statutory review, current priority areas of work for the Carers Partnership include:

- Recording carers involvement information across local planning and delivery activity from a range of partners on www.carersofdundee.org.
- Publishing the Dundee Carers Partnership Carers Involvement Framework at a launch event on Carers Rights Day (24 November 2024).
- Continuing to promote, celebrate and support young carers involvement work, which enables young carers in the city to have their voice heard, ensuring participation and involvement with the Carers Partnership work carried out over the past five years.
- Increasing the numbers of carers who choose to accept Adult Carer Support Plans, with a view to offering replacement care when appropriate and providing a choice of options, including care at home and support away from home.
- Supporting Self-Directed Support (SDS) development work to enhance carer outcomes, reduce barriers to accessing SDS and increase local uptake of Options 1 and 2 for carers and for the people they support.
- Enhance carer involvement in hospital discharge, to address requirements of section 28 of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016.
- Completing a review of the current Carers 'Strategic Needs Assessment' information and produce data relating to the Delivery Plan and stated outcomes in A Caring Dundee 2 to inform future planning.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report has been subject to the Pre-IIA Screening Tool and does not make any recommendations for change to strategy, policy, procedures, services, or funding and so has not been subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment. An appropriate senior manager has reviewed and agreed with this assessment.

6.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk 1 Description	Based on information available to the Carers Partnership at the current time, it is believed that it will be likely that the statutory review of a Caring Dundee 2 will identify that the strategy needs to be reviewed and updated to reflect national and local developments and to ensure that the strategy fully addresses all new statutory requirements.
Risk Category	Operational, Governance, Political
Inherent Risk Level	Likelihood 3 x Impact 3 = Risk Scoring 9 (which is a High Risk Level)

Mitigating Actions (including timescales and resources)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key steps in the statutory review process have been identified and a timeline developed to ensure the review is carried out within the statutory timeframe. • The Involvement Framework is completed and will be published by December 2024. • Information and data gathering has commenced. • Focused strategy review and development sessions for the Carers Partnership (and identified wider stakeholders) planning has commenced. • Dundee Carers Partnership continues to take a collaborative and innovative approach to developing services and supports for carers within the framework of the existing strategy.
Residual Risk Level	Likelihood 2 x Impact 3 = Risk Scoring 6 (which is a Moderate Level)
Planned Risk Level	Likelihood 1 x Impact 3 = Risk Scoring 3 (which is a Low Risk Level)
Approval recommendation	Given the low level of planned risk, this risk is deemed to be manageable.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 Members of the Carers Partnership, the Chief Finance Officer, Heads of Service, Health and Community Care and the Clerk have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.0 DIRECTIONS

8.1 The Integration Joint Board requires a mechanism to action its strategic commissioning plans and this is provided for in sections 26 to 28 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Act 2014. This mechanism takes the form of binding directions from the Integration Joint Board to one or both of Dundee City Council and NHS Tayside.

Direction Required to Dundee City Council, NHS Tayside, or Both	Direction to:	
	1. No Direction Required	X
	2. Dundee City Council	
	3. NHS Tayside	
	4. Dundee City Council and NHS Tayside	

9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 None.

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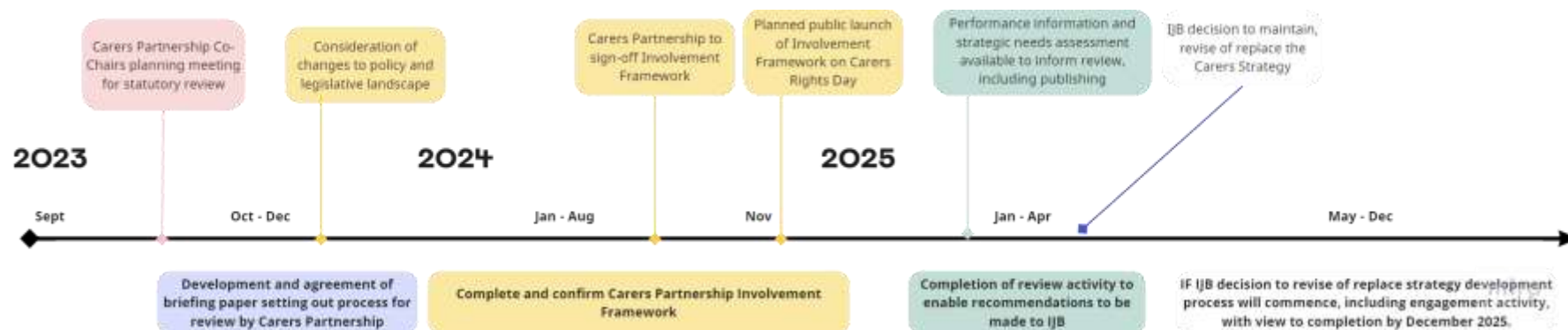
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Appendix 1 Overview timeline of statutory review process



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