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Report Title	Learning Disability Strategy
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1: Purpose of the Report

This report seeks approval for our Aberdeen City Learning Disability Strategy, known as A'thegither in Aberdeen, which will run from 2018-2023.

2: Summary of Key Information

Aberdeen City Health & Social Care Partnership officers alongside wider colleagues and stakeholder have developed a local Learning Disability Strategy (see appendix 1, A'thegither in Aberdeen') for Aberdeen City following direction from Lead Officers in 2016/17.

The strategy development has consisted of a robust and thoughtful review of how we collectively wish to see the lives of people with Learning Disabilities flourish in Aberdeen, grounded in the strong belief that people with Learning Disabilities should be seen as valued contributors to their local communities and as people whom enrich and strengthen our society with their skills, abilities and lived experiences.

A strategic steering group lead by the Lead Strategy & Performance Manager has provided oversight and direction to officers in the development of the strategy. A range of topic themed sub-groups alongside extensive engagement with stakeholders have contributed to the development of the strategy for which approval is sought.

Aberdeen City Health & Social Care Partnership's ethos of 'a caring partnership working together with our communities to enable people to achieve fulfilling, healthier lives and wellbeing' has guided the way in which the Learning Disability Strategy has been developed and presented. A'thegither in Aberdeen is a strategy which at its very heart promotes and champions community inclusion and strong partnership working



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practices. The strategy document itself has been developed for people with Learning Disabilities. It is a fully accessible (easy read) document which seeks to focus on the vision the Partnership holds for people with Learning Disabilities and the key strategic outcomes that the 5-year strategy will strive to embed.

A wide range of engagement activities with stakeholders, including people with Learning Disabilities, families/carers, organisations (local & national) and staff have strongly informed the development of the strategic outcomes. A formal consultation period also took place, providing a range of feedback which has been used to further refine the final strategy (see Appendix 2, Engagement & Consultation Review). The strategy name, 'A'thegither in Aberdeen', was selected from several suggestions received through the engagement and consultation periods.

It is intended that this strategy sits alongside a local action/implementation plan and specific commissioning plan. The development of an action/implementation plan has been consciously separated from the strategy development as it is fundamental that people with Learning Disabilities can be as involved in these processes as they would wish to be. It is important to ensure that sufficient time and consideration is given as to how people can be involved and what information they need to be active participants in these processes. There has been positive feedback received in relation to this approach from people with Learning Disabilities, their families and other organisations (both local and national).

It is planned that a series of workshops will take place in Spring to fully scope out the actions required to embed this strategy and that these actions will be formally consulted on from May 2018. The finalised action/implementation plan will be brought forward to the Integration Joint Board in late Summer for approval. A specific Learning Disability Commissioning Plan will also be brought to the Board for approval before the end of the 2018 calendar year.

Appendices

1. A'thegither in Aberdeen: Aberdeen City Learning Disability Strategy
2. Engagement & Consultation Review Document

3: Equalities, Financial, Workforce and Other Implications

Equalities Implications

It is believed that this report will have a neutral impact however the strategy will promote people with Learning Disabilities as equal partners in our local communities.



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Financial Implications

There are no specific financial implications related to this report.

Workforce Implications

There are no intended workforce implications related to this report

Strategic Plan

The recommendations in this report complement the strategic priorities outlined in the Partnership's Strategic Plan primarily by supporting the development of person centred approaches to care and support and by enabling supported individuals to strengthen their connection and contribution to their local community.

4: Management of Risk

Identified risk(s) and link to risk number on strategic or operational risk register:

- (8) There is a risk of reputational damage to the IJB and its partner organisations resulting from complexity of function, delegation and delivery of services across health and social care.

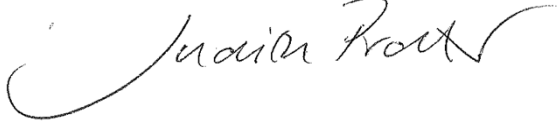
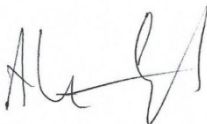
How might the content of this report impact or mitigate the known risks:

The content of this report seeks to mitigate the known risks by recommending a decision which supports the reputation of the IJB & Partnership, the development of a Learning Disability Strategy promotes person centred approaches to care and support and the strengthening of community connections.



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5:	Recommendations
<p>It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approves the Learning Disability Strategy known as A'thegither in Aberdeen;2. Notes that further reports will be presented to the IJB in reference to a Local Action/Implementation Plan and specific Learning Disability Commissioning Plan (as per the timelines identified in the body of the report)	

6:	Signatures	
	Judith Proctor (Chief Officer)	
	Alex Stephen (Chief Finance Officer)	