



# **Title of report: All-age carers strategy working group; report and recommendations**

**Meeting: Health, Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee**

**Meeting date: Monday 19 May 2025**

**Report by: Statutory Scrutiny Officer**

## **Classification**

Open

## **Decision type**

This is not an executive decision

## **Wards affected**

All Wards

## **Purpose**

To share the findings and recommendations of the committee's all-age carers strategy action plan working group.

## **Recommendation(s)**

**That:**

- a) The committee note the report;**
- b) The committee endorse the findings of the working group's report; and**
- c) The committee receives an update in due course on implementing the All-age carers strategy action plan.**

## **Alternative options**

1. The committee may wish to reject any recommendations contained in the report.

## Key considerations

2. Herefordshire Council's All Age Carers Strategy was approved by Cabinet on 28 July 2024. At the Cabinet meeting, the chairs of the Health, Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee and Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee agreed to meet to discuss scrutiny of the strategy's supporting actions. At their subsequent meeting, it was agreed that scrutiny of the supporting action plan would be undertaken by the Health, Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.
3. The Health, Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee agreed that due to the detailed nature of their proposed work, they would carry it out informally through a working group of the committee. The terms of reference for the group are attached as Appendix 1 to this report. The committee met on 10 April with the chair of the All-Age Carers' Partnership, working through the action-plan to identify opportunities to contribute to its development.
4. The working group's findings and suggestions are attached as Appendix 2 to this report. The committee agreed that it would make no formal recommendations following this work. Instead, the working group made a number of suggestions to attending officers, who will incorporate these into the strategy's action plan. These suggestions are contained in Appendix 2.

## Community impact

5. As this report is for information only, it contains no assessment of community impact. However, any recommendation made by the committee, if agreed by Cabinet or a portfolio holder, may have an impact on the support offered to children and young people leaving the care of the council. In this case, Cabinet or a portfolio holder will have to consider these potential impacts when deciding whether to accept the recommendation.

## Environmental Impact

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## Equality duty

7. The Public Sector Equality Duty requires the council to consider how it can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations and demonstrate that it is paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services.
8. The mandatory equality impact screening checklist has been completed for this project/decision/activity, and it has been found to have low impact for equality.
9. Due to the potential impact of this project/decision/activity being low, a full Equality Impact Assessment is not required. However, the following equality considerations should be taken into account when making a decision about this activity/project:

1. That the committee ensures recommendations that are written in plain English.

## Resource implications

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a resource implication. In this case, Cabinet or a portfolio holder will have to consider that resource implication when deciding whether to accept the recommendation.

### Legal implications

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### Risk management

12. As this report is for information only, it contains no risk assessment. However, any recommendation made by the committee, if agreed by Cabinet or a portfolio holder, may create risks that require management. In this case, Cabinet or a portfolio holder will have to consider any risk assessment when deciding whether to accept the recommendation.

### Consultees

9. No consultations were carried out in the process of producing this report.

### Appendices

Appendix 1: All-Age Carers Strategy Action Plan Working Group: Terms of reference

Appendix 2: All-Age Carers Strategy Action Plan Working Group: Findings and recommendations

### Background papers

Herefordshire Council All-Age Carers Strategy

### Report Reviewers Used for appraising this report:

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