



# Report to Leader (Health & Wellbeing Portfolio)

<b>Decision Date:</b>	13 January 2022
<b>Reference number:</b>	HW01.22
<b>Title:</b>	Better Lives Strategy
<b>Cabinet Member(s):</b>	Angela Macpherson, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing
<b>Contact officer:</b>	Gill Quinton, Corporate Director for Adults And Health
<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	All
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<b>To approve the Better Lives Strategy 2022-2025</b>
<b>Reason for decision:</b>	To provide a strategy for adult social care for Buckinghamshire

## 1. Executive summary

- 1.1 The Better Lives Strategy 2022-2025 provides the strategic framework for the Council's provision of adult social care services in Buckinghamshire.

## 2. Content of report

- 2.1 Appendix A sets out the Better Lives Strategy for 2022-2025. This is the council's adult social care strategy for Buckinghamshire.
- 2.2 Buckinghamshire residents consistently tell us that they want to live as independently as possible for as long as possible, and that they should be able to rely on the council for support and guidance to help this happen. In response to this, we launched our Better Lives Strategy in 2018. The strategy sets out how we aim to help people to live healthier lives and to regain their independence, whilst offering a little extra support when needed. By placing a much greater emphasis on prevention, delaying the need for formal services, and enabling people to live independently for longer, this strategy is helping us change the way we support residents.

2.3 There are three key parts to the Better Lives strategy: living independently, regaining independence and living with support. These are explained further in the strategy. This updated strategy builds on the learning and achievements of the last 3 years and sets out our priorities for the next 3 years.

### **3. Other options considered**

3.1 None

### **4. Legal and financial implications**

4.1 Financial pressures are growing year on year, and adult social care will need to support more people due the ever-growing population and the long-term impacts of Covid. This strategy will support the council the manage these financial pressures whilst also meeting our statutory social care responsibilities.

### **5. Corporate implications**

5.1 This strategy support's the Council's Corporate Plan 2020-2023 priority "Protecting the Vulnerable" so that our older, disabled and vulnerable people receive the right support at the right time.

### **6. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views**

6.1 Not required

### **7. Communication, engagement & further consultation**

7.1 In order to deliver this strategy, we will continue to engage with service users and their carers; and the service user and carer forum which has been established.

### **8. Next steps and review**

8.1 Once approved, this strategy will be published and available to the public on the council website; and will be subject to annual review (at least annually).

### **9. Background papers**

9.1 None

### **10. Your questions and views (for key decisions)**

10.1 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report please get in touch with the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the

cabinet member to consider please inform the democratic services team. This can be done by telephone 01296 382343 or email [democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk).

