

**APPENDIX 3: COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Directorate / Service Area</b>   | <b>Officer undertaking the assessment</b>    |
| Learning Disability Partnership   | Name: Lee McManus .....                      |
| <b>Service / Document / Function being assessed</b>   | Job Title: Service Development Manager ..... |
| Learning Disability Commissioning Strategy  | Contact details: 01223 715944 .....          |
| <b>Aims and Objectives of Service / Document / Function</b>   |  |
| Sets out the current situation, where the gaps are and how services for people with learning disabilities can be improved   |  |
| <b>What is changing?</b>  |  |
| The main objective of the strategy is to improve the lives of people with a learning disability in Cambridgeshire. This group is one of the most marginalised in our society and the strategy includes action plans which will address some of the problems, for example by ensuring that people have access to high quality, local services that can meet their needs. |  |
| <b>Who is involved in this impact assessment?</b><br>e.g. Council officers, partners, service users and community representatives.  |  |
| Council officers and Learning Disability Partnership Board  |  |

**WHAT WILL THE IMPACT BE?**

Tick to indicate if the impact on each of the following protected characteristics is positive, neutral or negative.

| Impact                         | Positive | Neutral | Negative |
|--------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|
| Age                            |          | X       |          |
| Disability                     | X        |         |          |
| Gender reassignment            |          | X       |          |
| Marriage and civil partnership |          | X       |          |
| Pregnancy and maternity        |          | X       |          |
| Race                           |          | X       |          |

| Impact  | Positive | Neutral | Negative |
|---|----------|---------|----------|
| Religion or belief  |          | X       |          |
| Sex   |          | X       |          |
| Sexual orientation  |          | X       |          |
| The following additional characteristics can be significant in areas of Cambridgeshire. |          |         |          |
| Rural isolation   |          | X       |          |
| Deprivation   |          | X       |          |

For each of the above characteristics where there is a positive or negative impact please provide details, including evidence for this view. Describe the actions that will be taken to mitigate any negative impacts and how the actions are to be recorded and monitored.

#### **Positive Impact**

The impact of the strategy will be to set out a plan to enhance the quality of life for a group of marginalised and vulnerable people by enabling them to access high quality services in the local community. They will be nearer to local support networks, supported living and modernised day services which will allow them to become more independent and play more of an active role in the community.

#### **Negative Impact**

#### **Issues or Opportunities that may need to be addressed**

The financial constraints that Cambridgeshire County Council is experiencing may limit the ability of the council to deliver the aims of the strategy. However the strategy outlines potential savings, for example in limiting the numbers of people in expensive out of county placements, which can be used to finance the delivery of local services

#### **Community Cohesion**

If it is relevant to your area you should also consider the impact on community cohesion.

The implementation of the strategy will improve community cohesion by integrating people with a learning disability into their local community instead of living apart in residential care or outside Cambridgeshire