



## Report of the Chief Officer – Adult Social Services

### Executive Board

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> April 2007

### Subject: Capital Investment Plan for Day Centres

<b>Electoral Wards Affected:</b> All	<b>Specific Implications For:</b> Ethnic minorities <input type="checkbox"/> / Women <input type="checkbox"/> / Disabled people <input type="checkbox"/> /
Eligible for Call In <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Eligible for Call In (Details contained in the report) <input type="checkbox"/>

### Executive Summary

- **Leeds City Council owns and runs day care centres located across the City which provide a valuable service to both service users and their carers.**
- **Following approval by Executive Board to the Commissioning Strategy, plans have been approved for the four main adult service user groups which include the development of day centres to focus more on the individual needs of service users.**
- **In order to accelerate this improvement programme, capital resources are being sought at this time for an investment in the day care service. The proposed investment includes the provision of computers (and ancillary equipment), a grant scheme for voluntary organizations to bid against for service enhancement and investment in the fabric of the centres to create specialist areas and a better environment**

#### 1.0 Purpose Of This Report

- 1.1. To seek members' approval for a capital investment plan for adult day centres in Leeds

#### 2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 Leeds City Council owns and runs day centres for older people, disabled people, mental health service users and people with a learning disability. In addition the Council works in partnership with the voluntary sector who also provide a wide range of day centres for these different service user groups.

- 2.2. Day centres are located across the City and provide a valuable service to both service users and their carers. Day centres provide a safe and supportive environment in which people can engage in activities that provide personal fulfillment whilst at the same time providing respite to their carers.
- 2.3 The commissioning strategy for day services was approved by the Executive Board in December 2005. Since then further commissioning plans have been approved for day services relating to the four main adult service user groups (older people, disabled people, mental health service users and people with learning disabilities).
- 2.4 Each of the commissioning strategies identifies the need for day centres to be developed to provide a base for a wider range of activities focused on the individual needs of service users. This would include intensive rehabilitation / recovery work delivered in conjunction with the NHS and other partner organizations. A model of this type of specialist day centre or “Centre of Excellence” has already been developed at the Radcliffe Lane day centre for older people in Pudsey. This centre has been converted to provide a rehabilitation unit for older people where health and social care staff can assist people in their recovery through the use of specialist equipment.
- 2.5 Day centres can also provide an opportunity for people to re-learn or acquire skills particular in the use of new technology. An example of this exists in mental health day services where computers have been installed so that people can access information from the internet.
- 2.6 The voluntary sector has a history of innovative schemes to meet needs not always recognized by the statutory agencies. This is reflected in the number of specialist day centres run by the voluntary sector that complement the local authority provision in ensuring that Leeds has a comprehensive day care service.

### **3.0 Proposals**

- 3.1 The Executive Member (Adult Health & Social Care) has indicated that he wishes to see the improvement programme for day services ( for all adult day centres) accelerated. Accordingly, officers have, at his request, compiled a programme of improvements to Council day centres to be carried out in 2007/08, and have proposed the establishment of a capital fund to assist voluntary organizations to improve their facilities over the same period.
- 3.2 **Computers and Ancillary Equipment** - The provision of computers to provide service users with the facility to access the internet. This would give people the opportunity to develop new skills and a means of gaining information. In addition it could be used by older people to do their on line supermarket shopping. The use of computers has already proved to be a success in some day centres and making them more widely available would be a response to an emerging demand in other centres.

40 computers, installation, broad band connection and ancillaries (printers etc)

**£100,000**

3.3 **Day Centres Capital Grant** - The creation of a “day centre capital grant” that voluntary organizations would be able to access to gain funding for the improvement and enhancement of their day centres. This would enable the voluntary sector day centres to benefit in the same way as the local authority centres and in doing so ensure city-wide improvements .

3.4 Voluntary organizations would be invited to apply to Social Services for capital grant funding from a dedicated budget. Grants would be awarded in accordance with the “Compact – Code of Good Funding Practice” that has been agreed between the Council and the voluntary sector in Leeds.

**£200,000**

3.5 **Provision of enhanced facilities-** The improvement of local authority day centres to provide enhanced facilities for new models of day service such as the development of “Centres of Excellence” focusing on recovery and rehabilitation, to include;

- Internal redesign of centres to create a more suitable layout for individual work with service users including those with dementia (less large spaces more smaller rooms)
- Adapted areas for therapeutic work with service users
- Specialist equipment for rehabilitation
- Adapted kitchen areas for developing daily living skills
- Refurbishment of furnishing and fittings in order to provide a better environment.

**£700,000**

3.6 This represents a total capital investment of **£1 million**

#### **4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance**

4.1 The proposed investment plan is in keeping with the agreed Council strategy for day services. Governance would be provided through the Directorate of Adult Social Services and the Asset Management Group.

#### **5.0 Legal And Resource Implications**

5.1 There is no provision within the existing capital programme to fund this investment. However, a contract awarded on a major capital scheme has resulted in savings against the original budget and it is proposed to use these savings to fund this investment in day centres.

#### **6.0 Conclusions**

6.1 Day centres play a key role in supporting vulnerable people and providing respite for their carers. The Council has agreed a day services strategy that includes the

enhancement of day centres. The injection of additional capital funding will accelerate the improvement of day centres.

## **7.0 Recommendations**

7.1 Members are asked to agree the capital investment plan for day centres

