



**Open Report on behalf of Glen Garrod,
Executive Director - Adult Care and Community Wellbeing**

Report to:	Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
Date:	30 November 2022
Subject:	Day Opportunities Update

Summary:

This report is to provide an update to the Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on progress in delivering the ambitions outlined in the In-House Day Opportunities plan, "Living Life to the Full".

Actions Required:

To consider and comment on the content of the report.

1. Background

The Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee have previously endorsed the In-House Day Opportunities plan "Living Life to the Full". The Committee has also requested regular updates in relation to achieving the ambitions set out within the plan. The text below provides the committee with the most recent update on progress:

Places we can be proud of

Ensuring that our in-house Day Services buildings are places we are proud of continues to be a key area of focus for the council. It is pleasing to see further progress in this respect and in particular:

- **Market Rasen:** The service has now secured an alternative venue to operate day opportunities in the Market Rasen area. The service has historically operated from the Health Clinic building in Market Rasen but the building which was rented was expensive and had also become unsuitable for ongoing service provision. Through innovative working a new site has been secured in Market Rasen at "The Old Station" building. This is a community interest initiative that has utilised National Lottery Funding to restore the old building that will be utilise for the benefit of the town. Our In-House Day Services working in partnership with Corporate Property Team have

been successful in secure the site for future use and at a reduced rental price in comparison to the former premises. The presentation attached to this report provides the opportunity to see the venue via video link.

- Stamford: The existing site in Stamford has been supported via the Community Payback initiative to complete some internal renovations to make to service more welcoming and attractive to the families who visit the building. Further work is being planned to develop the garden area to facilitate additional out-side opportunities and activities.
- Lincoln: A phased programme of renovation work has now been agreed for the Ancaster Day Service site with work planned to start in February to April 2023. This will see an investment of capital in the region of £500,000. The work will see a needed refurbishment of the toilet and wet room facilities on site and well as some structural work to make better use of space and to make the building more welcoming. This will include the opening of a café and IT room which can also be utilised by the local community. The second phase of the work will look to open the site to make better use of the outside gardens by the families who access day opportunities but also by the wider community.
- Gainsborough: an additional site has been secured and is being used at Richmond Lodge. This site has also had refurbishment and offers additional required space to the service.

Service Structure Modernisation

Over the last few months, the service has been consulting on a new service structure that will support further progress against the ambitions within the “Living Life to the Full” Plan. The consultation period has now been concluded and an implementation plan for the new structure has been completed.

The new structure firms up the leadership and management capacity of the service to support the wider team with cultural change that will embed and make more consistent the innovative practice emerging across our services. The new structure also recognises the wider responsibilities that we require from the team to continue our journey of continuous improvement. There is ongoing recruitment and support for apprentices within the service.

In addition to the restructure three Job Coaches will be recruited to the team following successful grant application to Department for Work and Pensions for Local Support Employment provision. Further information on this initiative can be provided in future updates to the Adult Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

Opportunities

As well as the opportunities provided for families and the local community in the day opportunities buildings the service also provides wider opportunities for people in the community and at other public sites. The presentation attached with this report provides a flavour of the various volunteering opportunities provided to people as well as details of events that provide people with valuable life experiences. The presentation provides details of:

- County Offices Lincoln: The Quad Café is now open again being run by the Day Service with volunteers from the service and from local schools. Staff from the County Council's Day Opportunities Service and Maximising Independence Team are providing training in catering and hospitality to individuals with Learning Disabilities while providing catering on the Lincoln Campus. This project is working closely with SEND schools and providing training opportunities to pupils.
- ICE Conference Skegness: The Day Service helped organise and run the ICE conference at Butlins Skegness which was a fantastic success. The ICE conference provides people with the opportunity to get together and have fun, debate important issues and to participate in various activities.
- Lake District: People from the Horncastle and Boston Day Service travelled to the Lake District recently for an active weekend. They raised money to attend the site through several activities. This was a brilliant initiative that provided people with the opportunity to participate in outdoor activities for the very first time.

2. Conclusion

The Council is making good progress in delivering the ambitions set out in the plan "Living Life to the Full".

The new service structure and the investment in our Day Services will help to deliver further continuous improvement and enhance the range of opportunities for families and the local community.

The service continues to demonstrate very innovative ways in the ways of working that is securing additional opportunities for people to make meaningful contributions to their local communities but also demonstrates excellent use of the resources.

3. Consultation

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

N/A

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Living Life to the Full, In-House Day Service Plan
Appendix B	Presentation to Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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