

Scrutiny Management Board



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CITY COUNCIL

Date of meeting:	27 January 2026
Title of Report:	Plymouth City-wide All-age Unpaid Carers Strategy 2025 – 2027
Lead Member:	Councillor Mary Aspinall (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care)
Lead Strategic Director:	Gary Walbridge (Strategic Director for Adults, Health and Communities)
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Your Reference:	N/A
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

To update Scrutiny on how the Plymouth City-wide All-age Unpaid Carers Strategy was developed and how the priorities are being delivered and measured.

Recommendations and Reasons

- I. To endorse the strategy and ongoing activity to support unpaid carers in Plymouth.
The city-wide carers strategy is essential because it establishes a clear framework for addressing the needs of unpaid carers, who play a critical role in supporting the health and well-being of others.

Alternative options considered and rejected

This is an update on the Carers Strategy delivery and no alternative options to consider.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

Policy HEA3: Supporting carers (unpaid/paid, adult/child) to carry out their caring role and have a full life outside of caring.

Statutory duties to support carers.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

No further implications to the committed budget for Carers Support Services.

Financial Risks

No financial risk other than the already committed budget for Carers Support Services contracts.

Legal Implications

There is a statutory duty to support carers in the Care Act and the Children and Families Act.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

N/A

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

The Carers Strategy, by nature, protects people with protected characteristics and ensures their needs are considered. In supporting carers, their needs are identified and given support to meet these needs such as their wellbeing, and access to welfare benefits.

Appendices

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A	Briefing: Plymouth City-wide All-age Unpaid							
A	Carers Strategy 2025 – 2027							
B	Presentation							
C	Plymouth City-wide All-age Unpaid Carers							
C	Strategy 2025 – 2027							

Background papers:

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Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Sign off:

Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Mary Aspinall (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care)

Date approved: 19/01/2026