



## Learning Disability Strategy – Position Statement June 2026

### Background

The Adult Learning Disability Strategy ended in 2025. The Council remains fully committed to improving outcomes for people with learning disabilities. The Learning Disability Strategy is currently being refreshed, with a draft strategy being planned for consultation in Autumn 2026 to ensure alignment with emerging national policy and reform.

This includes anticipated developments in SEND reform, forthcoming national 10-year plans, and wider changes across health and social care integration.

Progressing a full strategy refresh at this stage risks misalignment with these significant policy shifts and may require further revision in the future.

Whilst the overarching strategy document is on hold, work continues at pace across the agreed priority themes, which remain central to improving people's lives:

- Supporting people to be healthy and independent
- Enabling people to have friends and meaningful relationships
- Ensuring people have choice and control over their lives
- Supporting people to get out and about and be part of their community
- Increasing opportunities for people to have a job or meaningful occupation
- Ensuring access to the right support at the right time
- Improving access to high-quality respite and short breaks

Progress against these priorities is being driven through ongoing commissioning activity, service development and transformation programmes, ensuring continued momentum and tangible improvements for residents.

### Learning Disability Partnership Board

The Learning Disability Partnership Board continues to play a key role in shaping the Council's approach. Membership includes people with lived experience and family carers, ensuring a strong and authentic voice within discussions. The Board provides both strategic input and constructive challenge, helping to ensure that priorities remain focused on delivering meaningful outcomes for people with learning disabilities.

It also supports ongoing oversight of progress against key priorities, maintaining momentum during the interim period ahead of the refreshed strategy.

### Co-Production

Co-production remains central to all areas of work. Engagement with people with lived experience, families, carers and partners is embedded across commissioning and service development activity.

This approach ensures that current delivery is informed by real experiences and that the refreshed strategy will reflect the voices, priorities and aspirations of local people.

### **Next Steps**

Work will continue across all priority areas, maintaining progress through commissioning, transformation programmes and partnership activity.

Alongside this, intelligence from national policy developments and local engagement will be used to inform the refreshed Learning Disability Strategy, which is planned for publication in Autumn 2026.

The refreshed strategy will set a clear, future-focused direction for services, aligned with national reform and local priorities, ensuring the best possible outcomes for residents.