

REPORT OF THE
Cabinet / Leader
PART II

327. SUPPORTING TROUBLED FAMILIES PROGRAMME

1. At a meeting on 29 October, the Cabinet approved the Supporting Troubled Families Programme which seeks to engage with 1,590 families across Hampshire over the next three financial years and deliver a number of new interventions through local partnership arrangements. Target programme outcomes include increased school attendance, reduced worklessness and less crime.

2. The programme aims to deliver:

- Improved Outcomes and lasting positive changes to the lives of families in Hampshire;
- Greater inter-agency coordination and joined up working with whole families;
- Demonstrating the benefits (financial and non-financial) of early help, intervention and prevention;
- A transformational ambition for a new funded and sustainable delivery model for working with families.

3. The programme is supported by a Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) grant of up to £5.3m, which is intended to provide a catalyst to transform the ways in which the public sector works with families in a more joined up and co-ordinated manner.

4. The programme is underpinned by a bottom up multi-agency approach through a series of cross agency Local Coordination Groups based on District Council boundaries. These groups will provide the local intelligence to identify the families, develop single family plans and use local knowledge to inform the design and delivery of services at a local level.

5. The Cabinet noted the significant progress that has been made to establish the Supporting Troubled Families Programme in Hampshire since May 2012 and approved the continued development of a twin track service delivery model comprising of a centrally commissioned element of evidenced based intensive family support services and local solutions determined by Local Commissioning Groups. Cabinet also approved the spend and procurement at a maximum value of £3,301,333 for a centrally commissioned Family Support Service on a payment by results basis for the duration of the programme.

6. The Cabinet also approved a County Council contribution of £900,000, mainly for the following purposes:

- Supporting the training needs of local agencies and providers to ensure that the workforce is appropriately skilled to deliver family interventions;
- Including additional families in the programme who are considered to be a high cost to the public purse, but do not necessarily meet the DCLG funding criteria;

- Funding additional early interventions for families on top of the commissioned provision;
- Funding the significant data analysis and performance monitoring exercise to monitor and track the families during the programme; and
- Ensuring a smooth transition from years two to three and beyond once DCLG funding ceases.

7. Finally, the Cabinet asked the Leader of the Council that ongoing responsibility for the Supporting Troubled Families Programme is added to the portfolio of the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations.

Further details can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm by typing in the relevant reference number:

- Supporting Troubled Families Programme (search item reference 4382)

328. CHANGES IN RESPONSIBILITY FOR EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS

1. In accordance with Part 1 Chapter 9 Paragraph 9.6.2 of the Constitution, the Leader has confirmed that the Executive functions related to the Supporting Troubled Families Programme approved by Cabinet on 29 October 2012 will be included within the portfolio of the Executive Member for Communities and International Relations.

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Leader