

AT A MEETING of the SAFE AND HEALTHY PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE of the COUNTY COUNCIL held at The Castle, Winchester on Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

**PRESENT**

Chairman:  
p Councillor Pat West

Vice-Chairman  
p Councillor Roger Kimber

Councillors:

p Ann Buckley	a Andrew Joy
p Brian Collin	p Mark Kemp-Gee
p Alan Dowden	p Pam Mutton
a Liz Fairhurst	p Eric Neal
p Jane Frankum	p Jackie Porter
p Michael Geddes	

Also in attendance Councillor Felicity Hindson, MBE, Executive Member for Adult Social Care, and Barbara Crofton, LINK representative

53. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Liz Fairhurst and Councillor Andrew Joy.

54. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that, where they believed they had a personal or personal prejudicial interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting, they should normally at the time of the debate declare their interest, and having regard to the circumstances described in paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the County Council's Code of Conduct, consider whether to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 12 of the Code.

No declarations of interest were made.

55. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Select Committee held on 26 November 2010, and the Annual Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Meeting held on 30 November 2010, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the

Chairman.

There was one matter arising from the minutes of the 30 November 2010. This was that the recommendations of the Select Committee had been forwarded to the Chairman of the County Strategy Group for action, and to the responsible authorities for information. An update on the progress of the recommendations would be given in April. The East Central HAT was taking forward work looking at the issues raised at the Annual Crime and Disorder Scrutiny meeting, and would be discussing links between Hampshire County Council services and the military.

56. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced with great sadness that Tom Smith, Chairman of the Hampshire Local Involvement Network, had passed away. The Committee joined the Chairman in remembering Tom as a kind, professional and dedicated individual who was instrumental in ensuring Hampshire LINK became one of the best LINKs in the country. A card of sympathy had been sent to his closest relatives.

Attention was brought to the 'Dementia Masterclass' which was being set up for Members of both the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Safe and Healthy People Select Committee to attend.

Members were made aware that there was not a Safe and Healthy People Select Committee meeting on 25 March 2011. The next formal meeting would take place on Tuesday 3 May, at 10am.

57. **REVENUE BUDGET 2011/12**

58. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/12 – 2013/14**

(Items 5. and 6. in the minute book were taken together.)

The Committee received a presentation from the County Treasurer and Director of Adult Services on the revenue budget 2011/12 and the capital programme 2011/12 – 2013/14. Members heard:

(Take in reports and presentation)

- That central government have announced a new grant for Adult Services from health budgets, totalling £12.6 million in 2011/12, falling to £12.2 million in 2012/13. A significant amount of work has been actioned to ensure that this funding is firmly secured.
- That the risk contingency budget for Adult Social Care is not yet fully balanced, and will therefore need to be scrutinised closely throughout the coming year.

- That the Adult Service's department is still outcome focused on supporting high quality safe and secure services for it's clients.

In response to questions, Members heard:

- That any interest rate changes are managed through the County Council Treasurer's Management Strategy and would not impact directly on services.
- That inflation may affect the cost of supplies and services. The Cabinet workstreams include one on procurement looking to secure further procurement efficiencies and therefore minimise any impact this would cause.
- That Strategic Health Authorities are due to be abolished in 2012, and Primary Care Trusts in 2013. Responsibilities for local government around health, particularly public health, are expected to increase over the next two years. The department is in a prime position to develop a leadership role around commissioning and supporting GP Consortia.
- That central government has made an announcement that GP Commissioning Consortia will not inherit any financial deficit from Primary Care Trusts. This will be a challenge to achieve over the next two years, and an additional reason to ensure funding designated to the County Council from health is firmly secured.
- That the Adult Services department are hoping to offset some of the cost of increased pressures in demography and complexity, as well as increased client care packages, by renegotiating hourly rates to reduce expense, and exploring all options available to clients, e.g. reablement, telecare and prevention services.
- That analysis of care packages has allowed the department to base its budget on the forecast trends for the next year. For example, attrition rates within Older People's social care has slowed slightly, therefore assumptions have been built into the budget for an increase in demography.
- That the three biggest challenges to the department as they currently stand are:
  - Handling the workforce reduction sensitively, whilst also ensuring the continuation of service support;
  - Achieving procurement savings as part of the department's overall efficiency programme, and;
  - Working with individual clients to ensure they continue to receive a care package suited to their needs.
- That Adult Services have moved away from block contracts within the last three years, as there is a need for these to be flexible. The emphasis within contract renegotiations is to bring the most expensive hourly rates in line with the average.
- That Adult Services would be in a more difficult budget

position if pressures within the service nationally had not of been recognised by central government, and additional monies provided through health.

- That the future will see greater opportunities for Adult Services to provide alternative service models to health.

RESOLVED:

That:

1. The Select Committee receive a regular update on Adult Service's efficiency savings, in order to ensure that the figures estimated in January 2011 are met.
2. The Select Committee agree with the recommendations as set out in paragraph 12 of the revenue budget report and paragraph 9 of the capital programme report.

59. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chief Executive presented the work programme (Item 7 in the Minute Book).

RESOLVED:

That the Committee's Work Programme be approved subject to the issues raised at this meeting.

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Chairman, 3 May 2011