

REPORT OF THE  
Cabinet / Leader  
PART II

**148. PROPOSALS FOR A NEW CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICES**

1. At a meeting on 28 February, the Cabinet agreed to the implementation of a new contributions based policy for charging for adult social care services to support self directed support and personalisation.

2. Nearly 1500 users of Adult Social Care services from Hampshire County Council and their carers responded to the extensive consultation which had been externally validated by the Hampshire Local Involvement Network (LINK).

3. In considering the proposals, Cabinet were advised that all Councils are required to review their charging policies and to introduce personal budgets for social care by 2013.

4. The plans for a revised contributions policy will bring services under one policy and ensure that people choosing from the range of non residential services, such as personal care, which includes help with getting up and day care, and short term placements in a residential setting, would contribute based on their ability to pay not the services they choose.

5. The policy proposals will affect 13,000 people who have long term care needs and use non residential care services arranged by the County Council. The agreed policy changes will make the system fairer by:

- Introducing a new single policy for all services for which the council has discretion to charge. The policy aims are to promote independence for people living at home.
- Be fair through treating people equitably while recognising they have different financial means and care needs.
- Promote choice by simplifying the charging arrangements for the range of services available.
- Ensuring those who are assessed as being able to do so contribute towards the cost of their care.

6. Cabinet agreed that the new contributions policy be implemented from July 2011 to allow time for service users to be notified of any changes to their contributions and put new IT and business processes in place to implement the new policy.

7. Further details can be found on Hantsweb at:

[http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/advsearchmeetings/meetingsitemsummary.htm?pref=Y&tab=1&item\\_ID=2291&cancel=n](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/advsearchmeetings/meetingsitemsummary.htm?pref=Y&tab=1&item_ID=2291&cancel=n)

## 149. HAMPSHIRE AREA-BASED INSULATION SCHEME

1. At a meeting on 9 March, the Executive Member for Policy and Resources approved a procurement process to secure the services of a Managing Agent to deliver the Hampshire Area-based Insulation Scheme, which it is expected to take place during 2011/12.

2. The Insulation Scheme will offer all households cavity wall and/or loft insulation for £99 each, along with options for additional enhancements. It is expected to fund an estimated additional 15,000 cavity wall installations and 8,000 new loft installations p.a, with a combined installation rate from 18,000 p.a. to 40,000 p.a. over the next 18 months.

3. The Scheme would also generate the following outcomes:

- an additional ongoing £3.5 million p.a. energy bill saving for householders;
- a CO2 reduction of over 20,000 tonnes p.a.; and
- creation of 180 jobs with an estimated £11 million contribution to the economy of Hampshire.

4. The costs of the scheme will primarily be met through Government's Carbon Emissions Reduction Target (CERT) funding, along with a smaller proportion being met by Hampshire County Council and its partners, including Hampshire's District/Borough Councils.

5. Further details can be found on Hantsweb at:

[http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/advsearchmeetings/meetingsitemsummary.htm?pref=Y&tab=1&item\\_ID=2735&cancel=n](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/advsearchmeetings/meetingsitemsummary.htm?pref=Y&tab=1&item_ID=2735&cancel=n)

## 150. COLLABORATIVE WORKING ON HEALTH AND WELLBEING

1. At a meeting on 28 March, the Cabinet considered a joint report of the Director of Adult Services and Joint Director of Public Health providing an update on the developing NHS reform programme and how it would impact on the County Council. The report covered the outcome of the Liberating the NHS White Paper consultation process and set out proposals to put in place a transitional Health and Wellbeing Board. The report also updated Cabinet on arrangements for Local HealthWatch and future health scrutiny powers in local authorities.

2. The membership and governance arrangements for the Transitional Health and Wellbeing Board was set out in the report and it was noted that the Board would assume its full statutory responsibilities in 2013, and in the meantime transitional arrangements would need to be put into place. It was noted that upper tier authorities had been invited to join a network of early implementers for Health and Wellbeing Boards. Hampshire had submitted an expression of interest in being an early implementer, as this would provide an opportunity to share learning with other authorities and work through some of the challenges in parallel with other areas.

3. The Cabinet were also advised that in order to realise efficiencies and manage the transition to GP commissioning effectively, Primary Care Trust's (PCT's) would be reorganised into clusters by June 2011, led by a single Executive Team, which would oversee work up to April 2013. It was reported that the County Council and PCT were collaborating to improve the effectiveness of adults' community health and social care commissioning across the two organisations prior to GP Consortia taking over many aspects of NHS commissioning from 2013. The ambition was to create a single joint commissioning team, with staff from the County Council and the PCT working together to commission community health and social care services.

4. The Cabinet also considered the draft responses to the Public Health consultation documents and made an number of amendments and suggestions. Further to responding to the consultation documents early implementer Health and Wellbeing Boards have been contacted by the Department for Health advising that they are to take advantage of a natural break in the passage of the Bill to pause, listen and engage with all those who want the NHS to succeed, and subsequently to bring forward amendments to improve the plans further in the normal way.

5. Further details can be found on Hantsweb and a copy of the letter from the Department for Health can be found online at:

[http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/advsearchmeetings/meetingsitemsummary.htm?pref=Y&tab=1&item\\_ID=2541&cancel=n](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/advsearchmeetings/meetingsitemsummary.htm?pref=Y&tab=1&item_ID=2541&cancel=n)

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