

AT A MEETING of the SAFE AND HEALTHY PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE of the COUNTY COUNCIL held at The Castle, Winchester on Monday, 16th January 2012.

PRESENT

Chairman:
p Councillor Pat West

Vice-Chairman
p Councillor Roger Kimber

Councillors:

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

Also in attendance was Barbara Crofton, Hampshire LINK representative. Councillor Felicity Hindson, MBE, Executive Member for Adult Social Care, gave her apologies.

76. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Ann Buckley.

77. **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.

78. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Select Committee held on 25 November 2011 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

79. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman did not make any announcements.

80. **REVENUE BUDGET 2012/13**

81. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2012/13 – 2014/15**

(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 2012/13 and the capital programme 2012/13 – 2014/15. Members heard:

(Take in reports and presentation)

- That Adult Services forecast a balanced budget for the end of the 2011/12 financial year, following a drawdown of £7m from corporate contingency funds, and a further £1.2m savings slippage funding.
- That Adult Services will make further efficiency savings in 2012/13 of approximately 8% of their total budget, in line with all other Hampshire County Council departments.
- That £11.5m of extra funding has been received by the Department for demography and complexity in 2012/13, based on predicted trends from data analysed jointly with the Council's research and intelligence team.
- That in 2012/13 Adult Services will receive slightly reduced funding from the Department of Health, in line with general grant funding nationally. Plans are in place to ensure appropriate funding from the NHS is transferred to Adult Services budgets.
- That a reduction in the number of people choosing to receive their care in a residential setting has enabled the Department to remodel their budget around this trend, with investment concentrated in the community, for services such as Extra Care, domiciliary care, etc.
- That full Equality Impact Assessments have been undertaken on all areas subject to review. In most cases the impact has been minimised for staff and service users, but for those areas where there will be an impact, consultations have been undertaken and transformation plans drawn up to ensure all issues are accounted for.

In response to questions, Members heard:

- That the client base receiving a service from the Department is increasing, and will continue to increase for the foreseeable future. This fact has been accounted for, with an extra £11.5m allocated to the Department to offset the extra cost of a greater number of clients, and increased complexity of clients.
- That all services reviewed in the 2011/12 financial year will not be subject to re-review in 2012/13, with the exception of learning disabilities who are currently

- halfway through a two year transformation programme.
- That community meal services are currently subject to review, with the idea of making such services accessible to all under the 'universal offer'. The 'community nutrition strategy' focuses on innovative ways for communities to provide local nutritional meals to residents who may not be able to provide for themselves. Members requested that further details were heard of this strategy.
 - That the Director would investigate issues raised regarding the contributions policy relating to non-attendance at day centres, specifically in relation to illness or emergencies.
 - That the Director would investigate billing to contributing service users in order to establish whether costs can be itemised.
 - That the clusters of service users in receipt of supporting people services are still under review, with learning disabilities being the focus for 2012/13. The Department are aware of the complexities of care often involved with learning disabilities, and would ensure that quality remained paramount alongside cost effective care packages.
 - That the Department is seeing new clients with learning disabilities entering care services for the first time in later life, due to carer parents and guardians no longer being able to care for their relatives after they reach old age.
 - That Adult Services would like to see further investment in dementia carer packages from the NHS.
 - That the £7.5m prudential borrowing to support the Learning Disability transformation programme is available to the Department if needed based on the timeliness of capital receipts being received.
 - That Adult Services have worked hard to maintain good relationships with the local NHS and are developing working relationships with the emerging five Clinical Commissioning Groups in Hampshire in 2012/13.
 - That a large proportion of the efficiencies realised by the Department have been due to renegotiated contracts and procurement strategies. The independent care market in the County and nationally are aware of the need for local government to become more efficient and reduce unnecessary costs, and have therefore been willing to make changes themselves. Both commissioners and providers are aware, however, that quality and efficiency must balance.
 - That the Department has a preferred provider list, details of which will be passed onto the Committee.
 - That contributor charges for 2012/13 are proposed to increase by 2.5%, in line with inflation and other increased costs.
 - That currently 1,894 individuals in Hampshire pay 100%

of their care costs to the County Council.

RESOLVED:

That the Select Committee agree with the recommendations as set out in paragraph 11 of the revenue budget report and paragraph 9 of the capital programme report.

82. **WORK PROGRAMME**

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

The Committee agreed to hear details of the 'Community Nutrition' strategy.

The Committee agreed to revisit the progress against the recommendations of the Alcohol Services review.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee's Work Programme be approved.

Chairman, 25 May 2011