

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Member for Adult Social Care |
| Date: | 19 March 2013 |
| Title: | Confirmation of the Supporting People County Core Group decision to spend in relation to social exclusion |
| Reference: | 4795 |
| Report From: | Director of Adult Services |

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Supporting People programme reviews all of its commissioned services on a three-year rolling cycle. In 2011/12, services for the socially excluded were reviewed and the outcomes of this process were agreed by the Supporting People County Core Group. This decision now needs to be confirmed through standard governance processes.
- 1.2 The purpose of this paper is to request authority to spend a maximum of £10,727,956.19 pa, with a five year aggregated maximum value of £53,639,780.96 to allow contracts relating to the socially excluded sector of the supporting people programme to be in place from 1 April 2013. All of these contracts have been authorised and agreed under the previous governance arrangements outlined above.
- 1.3 Contracts required to be authorised by Executive Member are detailed in (exempt) Item 7 and have a maximum total annual value of up to **£10,727,956.19 pa** and an aggregated 5 year value of **£53,639,780.96**.

2. Contextual information

- 2.1 Currently contracts are reviewed in clusters: Services for Older People; Socially Excluded Services and Long Term Services (Disabilities). The Socially Excluded review relates to both accommodation-based services and floating support for the homeless, offenders or people at risk of offending, teenage parents, young people at risk and people with mental health and/or substance misuse problems. It is the decision relating to this expenditure which now needs to be confirmed.
- 2.2 Supporting People contracts last three years and services are strategically reviewed in the year prior to the contract end date. Services

funded by Supporting People for people who are socially excluded are due to end on 31 March 2013. The Strategic Review needs to be completed 12 months in advance of the contracts end date, in order to ensure there is sufficient time for any tendering of services which may be carried out as a result of the Review.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The Supporting People budget has funds of £10,727,956.19 pa available to commission the services identified.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 In exercising its functions an authority must have due regard to the need to: eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act and advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

5. Equality Impact Assessment

- 5.1 The strategic review may have some impact on young people between the ages of 16 and 25 as we aim to change the way services are delivered to young people. i.e. young people will be offered supported lodgings when they first apply for supported housing and will be encouraged to learn life skills and prepare for living more independently in a family home environment first, before moving into supported accommodation or an independent flat.
- 5.2 The Strategic Review will not impact either positively or negatively on the other groups listed above as the services under review are available to all people in those groups.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 The Executive Member for Adult Social Care is requested to confirm the decision of the Supporting People County Core Group for expenditure in relation to the cluster of services for the socially excluded.

7. Recommendation

- 7.1 That Executive Member give approval to spend the Supporting People budget to a maximum of £10,727,956.19 pa and 5 year aggregated value of £53,639,780.96 (as detailed in exempt Item 7) to allow contracts identified and commissioned through the Supporting People Strategic Review process to be issued from 1 April 2013.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Corporate Strategy

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| Hampshire safer and more secure for all: | yes |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): | |
| Maximising well-being: | yes |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): | |
| Enhancing our quality of place: | yes |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): | |

Other Significant Links

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| Links to previous Member decisions: | | |
| <u>Title</u> Supporting People Approach to Procurement | <u>Reference</u> 904 | <u>Date</u> 9 October 2009 |
| Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives | | |
| <u>Title</u> | <u>Date</u> | |

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

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| <u>Document</u> | <u>Location</u> |
| None | |

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

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- 1.2 All Supporting People services are monitored by the Prevention and Early Intervention Team through quarterly Performance Reports and the completion of the Quality Assessment Framework, (QAF) which can be followed by an on site Validation Visit. One of the core service objectives covered in the QAF is "Fair Access to Services" and we closely scrutinise service providers policies and procedures to ensure that services are equally accessible to all groups of people, no matter what their race, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder

- 2.1 All contracts are commissioned to provide services to ex offenders, and to work positively with criminal justice partners and stakeholders.
- 2.2 Protocols have been developed in partnership with Probation to enable clear access routes to these contracts by their clients.
- 2.3 Services are commissioned to deliver services that include access to training, education and employment, and to develop skills of independent living, which have been demonstrated to have a positive impact on reducing rates of offending.
- 2.4 All contracts are commissioned to use the CAADA DASH risk assessment every time that an incidence of Domestic Abuse is identified. This works in line with Hampshire Domestic Abuse forums objectives to reduce harm as a result of domestic abuse.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

Services are based in districts, and provide local services, many of whom employ people from the local communities, reducing the need to travel across county.

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

The proposal recognises the need to adapt to climate change, and plans to develop a longer term strategy to address this.