

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
Date:	30 July 2014
Title:	Supporting People: Changes to budget, services commissioned and commissioning responsibilities
Reference:	5887
Report From:	Director of Adult Services

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1. The decision:

- a) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health approves the proposals outlined within the report to reduce overall expenditure by £7.66 million, including the ending of the contracts listed in Appendices A, F and G, and aligning the remaining £17.4m expenditure with the department's strategy for delivering care and support.

Socially Excluded Sector

- b) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health notes that 5 contracts for provision of accommodation-based support services, to assist people who are considered to be socially excluded, listed in Appendix A, come to the end of their initial term on 31 March 2015 and it is not intended to extend them.
- c) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health notes that the 42 contracts listed in Appendix B will continue to operate within the permitted extension period of these contracts to allow for further review of these services.
- d) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health approves the transfer of commissioning responsibility for services for young people formerly included in the supporting people programme to Children's Services (see Appendix D). This includes the transfer of the remaining contracts and the virement of £1,890,403 funding, which is a net of savings of £774,235.
- e) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health approves the extension of the end date of the contracts for generic support services and support services for ex-offenders (see Appendix E) by 1 year to 31 March 2016 in order to allow for the commissioning of alternative services.

Older People's Sector

- f) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health notes that the current older peoples' support services contracts, listed in Appendix F will expire on their contract end date in March 2015 and permission to renew or retender them will not be sought. It is also noted that this does not apply to the Home Improvement Agency Services listed in Appendix F whose contracts end March 2016 and were included in the report in error.
- g) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health notes the termination of the contracts for the community alarm services, listed in Appendix G, with effect from 30 September 2014.
- h) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health approves a tendering exercise for alternative short-term intensive support service for older people and award of the contracts based on the outcome. The maximum value of these contracts will be £4.5m million over six years. Contracts will be awarded for an initial three years with the option to extend by up to three further years.
- i) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health approves in principle the decision to ensure provision of a community-based support service for older people through a grants-based programme which will be subject to a future Executive Member decision.

Disabilities Sector

- j) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health notes that the current contracts for people with disabilities, listed in Appendix H will end by their scheduled end date of 31 March 2015. Alternative services will be provided under the Learning Disability Procurement Framework that is currently being tendered and that was previously approved by the Executive Member on 24 January 2014.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. These changes are being proposed as part of a reorganisation of preventative services to enable the Adult Services department to meet its legal obligations to people with the highest needs within reducing financial support from Government.
- 2.2. Reductions in the Supporting People budget for 2014/15 were agreed by Hampshire County Council on 20 February 2014, when it set the budget for 2014/15. That same report identified the potential for further reductions in 2015/16 in the Adult Services budget.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 All aspects of Adult Services spend has been considered in the light of ongoing reductions in central government funding. Other savings options are being pursued to bridge the funding gap created by those reductions. Reductions in statutory social care were considered, but it was judged that this would have a greater impact than those proposed in this report.

3.2 Reduction of funding for some services for older people was considered to take effect from 30 September 2014. This option was rejected during the review period due to feedback from service providers and other statutory agencies about the pace of change. Key changes to services for older people are now proposed to take effect from 31 March 2015.

3.3 Reduction of funding for some services for the socially excluded was considered to come into effect from 31 March 2015. Although it is proposed that some funding will reduce at this point, it is proposed that an extended review should be conducted for crisis and prevention services with no changes in funding for these services taking effect until 31 March 2016. This is as a result of feedback gathered throughout the engagement process.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: Not applicable

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

In reaching this decision I have taken into consideration:

- The analysis and outcome of the evaluations of the responses to the service-user survey and note the additional information provided in the supplementary report;
- The individual equality impact assessments for all three clusters and the wider impact assessments;
- The views expressed in a petition received by the County Council regarding the continuation of support funding for supported housing schemes in Basingstoke;
- The letter received from the Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee, and the consideration given to this item by the Select Committee. I note and welcome the Committee's endorsement of the recommendations.

Approved by:

Date:

30 July 2014

**Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public
Health**

Councillor Liz Fairhurst