

REPORT OF THE  
**Cabinet / Leader**  
PART II

**114. HAMPSHIRE CHILDREN'S SERVICES OFSTED INSPECTION FEBRUARY – MARCH 2014 AND ADULT SAFEGUARDING**

1. At its meeting in September this year, Cabinet considered two reports; one outlining the Ofsted Inspection on Hampshire Children's Services that had taken place during February and March, the other on Adult Safeguarding.

**2. Hampshire Children's Services Ofsted Inspection February – March 2014**

3. The report outlined the outcomes of the Ofsted inspection of Children's Services for children in need of care and protection, recommendations for improvement and the planned responses to those recommendations.

4. The outcome of the inspection was very similar to that of the one undertaken in 2011 in that Ofsted assessed Hampshire as being 'good' or 'outstanding' against all criteria. Given the consistency of leadership within the Department it would be reasonable to say that all managers experienced this as a much more rigorous and highly demanding inspection and that the achievement, whilst ostensibly similar, represented a further significant improvement in the quality of services delivered. At this stage, with almost 30 inspections completed, the result for Hampshire remained the best achieved by any authority so far.

**5. Adult Safeguarding**

6. The report outlined the County Council's commitment to making Hampshire a safe and secure place for all of its residents and those who visit the County. Within this context was a recognition that, alongside effective arrangements for children, there was a need to continually scrutinise and improve its approach to safeguarding for those at risk or suffering abuse in our communities. It was acknowledged that the prevention of abuse was the collective responsibility of everyone and that the County Council would work in partnership with people and all those who provide services to Hampshire citizens to co-ordinate the prevention and early detection of abuse.

7. In order to firmly embed an awareness of adult safeguarding in local communities, the County Council has supported a proposal to undertake work to provide visibly branded practical advice and guidance for a wide range of people, businesses and communities about what to look for and how to report safeguarding concerns, in the form of information e-toolkits that can be downloaded from Hantsweb.

8. The aim would be to draw on existing work (local and national) and tailor each pack of information for the target audience. Development of this would include:

- **E-toolkits**
- **Smart phone App**
- **Pocket sized information for people working directly with service users and patients plus other promotional items**

These resources would be developed for target audiences such as:

- District and Borough Councils
- Churches and religious organisations
- Prisons
- Community and ambulance transport providers
- Housing providers
- Voluntary sector and charity organisations (providers)
- Transport companies

9. Cabinet endorsed and supported the County Council's response to the Ofsted Inspection and the way forward in helping to reach the most vulnerable within Hampshire.

#### **115. TRANSFORMING THE COUNCIL TO 2015: REPORT No. 5 AND TRANSFORMING THE COUNCIL TO 2017: REPORT No1**

1. At its meeting on 27 October 2014, Cabinet considered two Transforming the Council reports. Report No.5 signified the closing down of workstreams ending in March 2015. This was to be replaced with TtC Report No. 1, which identified new workstreams taking the County Council through to 2017.

2. Cabinet noted the achievements which had been made to date. Overall, there had been significant progress over the last few months with £42.6m now achieved or secured as of the end of August 2014. In assessing what the final position would be for 2015/16, it was anticipated that £96.4m of savings would be reached against the budget target of £102.5m.

3. A very clear theme looking forward is that even more active management of demand pressures is essential to the financial solvency and sustainability of the County Council. Tackling early interventions and demand management becomes a higher priority in the Council's efficiency and expenditure reduction programmes. The scale of the financial pressures require a step-change in approach and a more integrated pan-Council strategy to address what are essentially external demand factors.

4. Cabinet noted the significant achievements already made to date and supported the emerging programme of workstreams that will be used to develop a (fourth) savings and efficiency programme in the near future.

Further details can be found at [www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm](http://www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm) by typing in the relevant reference number:

- Hampshire Children's Services Ofsted Inspection February – March 2014 (search item reference 6013)
- Adult Safeguarding (search item reference 6025)
- Transforming the Council to 2015 – Report No.5 (search item reference 6179 )
- Transforming the Council to 2017 – Report No 1 (search item reference 6180)

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