

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

**123. SUPPORTING TROUBLED FAMILIES PROGRAMME IN HAMPSHIRE  
UPDATE AND PREPARATIONS FOR PHASE 2**

1. At its meeting on 15 December 2014, Cabinet were updated on progress with the Supporting (Troubled) Families Programme in Hampshire. It outlined continuing strong progress made in relation to improved multi-agency contributions and in terms of securing increasing numbers of positive family outcomes. Programme targets were on course to be achieved, which was set to result in the full draw down of £5.3m of Government grant, including some £2.1m of performance related reward grant.

2. The present programme is set to be expanded in 2015/16 and subject to Government confirming continued financial support, the 2nd phase of the programme was looking to target some 400,000 families over the course of the next parliamentary period to 2020. The extension of the programme would allow agencies working differently and more collaboratively, with a commitment to a more family-centred approach that aims to tackle broader, underlying issues in a more cohesive, consistent and relentless manner than previously.

3. Cabinet noted that early analysis of the Year One successes had shown some very welcome results e.g. 25 of 33 adults who had met the employment criteria, were continuing to do so, 90% of families maintaining improved educational attendance, 90% of families maintaining reduced levels of crime and anti-social behaviour and 70% fewer police call outs, which was all very encouraging.

4. Cabinet welcomed the continuing strong progress and performance of the Programme, acknowledged the positive outcomes achieved so far, approved a one year extension of the Intensive Family Support Service and endorsed the direction of travel for Phase 2.

**124. REVISED PETITIONS SCHEME**

1. At its meeting on 6 February 2015, Cabinet considered and agreed a revised petition scheme for the County Council, to take account of practical experiences gained since its inception back in 2010.

2. The revised scheme gives greater clarity to and makes it easier for petitioners to create a valid petition and to increase the efficiency of the operation of the Scheme. Revisions to the current scheme included the following:

- removal of the age limit for petitioners and signatories
- rights for petitioners with more than 32,000 signatures
- requirements for a valid petition
- updated exclusion criteria

3. At its meeting, it was also agreed to explore the opportunities of operating an e-petition scheme, given the growing digital agenda and the potential advantages such

a scheme could offer. Cabinet endorsed the updated scheme which would further encourage democratic engagement across all elements of the Hampshire population.

## **125. HAMPSHIRE SUPERFAST BROADBAND – GETTING CONNECTED**

1. At his meeting on 22 January 2015, the Executive Member for Policy and Resources agreed a report on Hampshire Superfast Broadband (SFBB) and the County Council's plan to increase the availability of broadband services to premises in hard-to-reach areas through Phase two of its programme.

2. Phase one of the County Council's multi-million-pound programme is on track to ensure that 90 per cent of premises in Hampshire can access high-speed broadband by the end of 2015. So far, 155 cabinets and more than 55 kilometres of fibre optic cables have been installed, allowing over 33,000 premises to gain access to superfast broadband speeds for the first time. In total, Phase one is expected to add more than 59,500 business and residential properties. Following the new deal with BT, at least 34,500 further properties will gain access to superfast broadband, lifting the availability of high speed broadband from around 80% to more than 95%.

3. Hampshire County Council has also agreed to extend the scope of its current programme to include support for residents living in new housing development where the private sector has not and is unlikely to make commercially funded access to SFBB provision for them. The title for the extended programme of intervention is 'Getting Connected'.

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

- Supporting Troubled Families Programme In Hampshire Update and Preparations for Phase 2 (search item reference 6028 )
- Revised Petitions Scheme (search item reference 6402)
- Hampshire Superfast Broadband – Getting Connected (search item reference 6435)

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