

REPORT OF THE
Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee
PART I

**210. CONSIDERATION OF MOTION REFERRED FROM COUNTY COUNCIL:
BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT**

1. On 18 February 2016 the County Council considered a Notice of Motion submitted in accordance with Standing Order 18.1 as proposed by Councillor Tim Rolt and seconded by Councillor Jackie Porter. The Motion read:

2. “This Motion calls on Hampshire County Council to listen to the evidence supplied in last month's deputation by Lindsey Lawman and to continue to fund the current Breast Feeding Drop-In Centres in the Andover, Basingstoke, Eastleigh and Winchester areas after the current funding runs out, for an estimated cost of just £62,000 per annum and to properly investigate the need for such services in other parts of the county.”

3. The County Council resolved to refer this Motion for consideration by the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee. The Select Committee considered the Motion at the meeting held on 29 March 2016, in parallel with its pre-decision scrutiny of an item to be considered by the Executive Member for Health and Public Health titled ‘Breastfeeding Model of Delivery’. The Select Committee, as part of this item, were provided with the report to be considered by the aforementioned Executive Member which contained details of the historical model, the new model of care being proposed and other options considered.

4. Further details, including the report considered by the Committee, can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm by typing in the relevant reference number: 7412.

5. Select Committee Members heard a deputation from a member of the public on the topic of breastfeeding, speaking in support of any proposal to extend funding for existing specialist breastfeeding support drop in centres, and from Councillor Tim Rolt, the proposer of the Motion, who spoke in favour of implementing the Motion as worded in paragraph 2.

6. The Select Committee considered the Motion as part of their questioning, debate and discussion on recommendations to the Executive Member for Health and Public Health. This included specific questions on the cost of extending specialist breastfeeding drop-in services across the County, the equity of access to the specialist support services as they are currently organised, and discussion on the proposed three-tier model of care proposed to be provided by the health visiting service. This included the proposal as part of the new model to implement 18 new breastfeeding drop-in clinics across Hampshire

7. An alternative recommendation was proposed at the meeting by Councillor Martin Tod and seconded by Councillor David Harrison, which requested that the Executive Member reinstate the funding for the drop-in centres (as referred to in the Motion) until such time as the breastfeeding task and finish group had ceased and a full assessment or successful pilot of the proposed new model had been completed. This

was put to the vote, but not carried. Further details of this alternative recommendation can be found in the minutes of the Select Committee meeting, available from the web link and reference number provided above.

8. Therefore, as a result of consideration of the Motion, the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee resolved the following as a recommendation to the Executive Member for Health and Public Health and did not make any further recommendations to Council: *'That the Committee support the recommendations being proposed to the Executive Member for Health and Public Health in section 7 of the report.'*

COUNCILLOR ROGER HUXSTEP
Chairman of Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee