

AT A MEETING of the SAFE AND HEALTHY PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE of the COUNTY COUNCIL held at The Castle, Winchester on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

**PRESENT**

Chairman:  
p Councillor Pat West

Vice-Chairman  
p Councillor Roger Kimber

Councillors:

p Ann Buckley	p Mark Kemp-Gee
p Brian Collin	p Anna McNair Scott
p Alan Dowden	p Pam Mutton
p Liz Fairhurst	p Eric Neal
p Jane Frankum	p Jackie Porter
p Andrew Joy	

Also in attendance Councillor Felicity Hindson, MBE, Executive Member for Adult Social Care.

18. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that, where they believed they had a personal or personal prejudicial interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting, they should normally at the time of the debate declare their interest, and having regard to the circumstances described in paragraphs 9, 10, 11 and 12 of the County Council's Code of Conduct, consider whether to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 12 of the Code.

Councillor Pam Mutton declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in relation to Item 6, as she is a Chairman of Andover Visually Impaired Group, who provide service to those with Learning Disabilities.

Councillor Roger Kimber declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in relation to Chairman's Communications, as he recently submitted a grant.

Councillor Ann Buckley declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in relation to Item 6, as she is a pension holder from a company that provides some services for those with Learning Disabilities.

19. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

20. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

a. **Adverse Weather**

The Chairman gave her thanks to those who worked tirelessly to support Hampshire's vulnerable people during the recent adverse weather. Adult Services were especially thanked for maintaining front line services in the face of extreme weather. The Committee supported this view, and extended it to all Hampshire County Council employees and volunteers.

RESOLVED:

That the Director of Adult Services relay the Committee's thanks to her Department.

b. **Self Directed Support**

The Chairman recounted her recent visit to Basingstoke to see the Self Directed Support pilot in action, and was very impressed with the service presented. The Chairman looks forward to the roll out of the pilot in April 2010 to the North of the County, extending to the South in July and the West in October.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee hear a briefing on Self Directed Support at their April 2010 meeting.

c. **Pump Prime New Innovations**

The Chairman welcomed a recent Executive Member for Adult Services' decision to award a grant to pump prime new innovations. The grant, totalling £26k, will be used to train and supply a pool of available Personal Assistants that can be employed by disabled people, enabling them to live as independently as possible.

21. **REVENUE BUDGET 2010/11 – 2012/13**

22. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010/11 – 2012/13**

(Items 4. and 5. in the minute book were taken together.)

The Committee received a presentation from the County Treasurer and Director of Adult Services on the revenue

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Self Directed Support Briefing appear at April 2010 meeting.

budget 2010/11 – 2012/13 and the capital programme 2010/11 – 2012/13. Members heard:

(Take in presentation)

- That Adult Services' budget was coming towards the end of the process that started in October 2009. The next steps are for the reports and their recommendation to go to Cabinet and then Full Council.
- That Hampshire County Council as a whole is facing financial uncertainty, as the results of the next 3-year grant settlement will not be known until after the general election.
- That social care is the only area of the Council to have a growth in budgets.
- That the Adult Services Department, when compared with comparator Authorities, has a below average net cost per head of the population.
- That Adult Services currently have a £1.3 million pressure in 2009/10, but aim to achieve at least £1 million underspend by the year end.
- That Adult Services have guideline growth funding of £7 million for the year 2010/11, but planned growth is much-reduced in 2011/12.
- That the £1 million underspend has been integrated into the 2010/11 budget to meet expenditure expected in year.
- That from 2011/12 onwards there will no longer be a Social Care Reform grant, which has been used to pilot and put into place the services within the Hampshire Model.
- That some of the significant external risks, such as the green paper on 'shaping the future of care together', the upcoming general election and Personal Care at Home Bill are currently unquantifiable, as not enough is yet known on these to accurately estimate the financial consequence of them on Adult Services.
- That work is ongoing to mitigate the risks to the service, such as learning from the Basingstoke pilot of Self Directed Support, and using these lessons to inform future service delivery.
- That Adult Services will now be subject to continuous assessment throughout year, rather than an annual assessment.
- That the Care Quality Commission no longer award a star rating to Adult Social Care departments, instead rating Council's from 'Poor' to 'Excellent' on seven outcomes. Hampshire County Council was assessed as performing well across all areas, with one excellent given for 'Making a positive contribution'.
- That the Care Quality Commission assessment feeds into the overall Council star rating in the into Comprehensive Area Assessment.

- That one of the outcomes from the most recent assessment was for further improvements to be evidenced in 2010/11. Therefore action plans for all improvement points have been drawn up and agreed.
- That Adult Services would like to utilise Members' experience in the field of Adult Social Care, by highlighting areas of excellent practice which can be used as evidence in the next assessment by the Care Quality Commission.

In response to questions, Members heard:

- That Adults Services are working to ensure all residents in Hampshire experience equality of service provision.
- That the Service isn't able to roll out pilots of new services to all areas of Hampshire at the same time, owing to the size of the County. Once a pilot has proved to be successful, it is then rolled out to all areas of the County.
- That Adult Services are aware of the importance of managing change against maintained service delivery.
- That Adult Services are planning for increases in demand due to demography and dependency. There has been an increase in the number of residents using domiciliary care, but it is not always in the best interest of the service user to be supported at home.
- That population and dependency growth has been built into future budget planning, but who knows what the next 5-10 years will mean for Adult Social Care.
- That a recent joint seminar was held with Hampshire PCT around continuing care. An agreement was reached with the PCT to look for the most efficient way of delivering continuing health care. This could be through the joint commissioning of services.
- That guidance was published in October 2009 which put more onus on Health to respond to referrals, but there is currently no agreed process.
- That if the 'Personal Care at Home Bill' were to be given royal assent before the general election, the implementation would be in October 2010.
- That currently Adult Services are within their winter pressures contingency funding. Throughout recent adverse weather there has been considerable pressure on the acute sector from breaks and falls, but current estimates show the majority of these has not been from the vulnerable.
- That the Drug and Alcohol Action Team is being funded transitionally.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee agree the recommendations as set out in paragraph 16 of the revenue budget report

and paragraph 11 of the capital programme report.

23. **LEARNING DISABILITIES STRATEGY**

The Committee received a report from the Director of Adult Services on the Learning Disabilities Strategy (Item 6 in the Minute Book).

(Take in Report)

- That the Learning Disability Strategy, 'Ordinary People Leading Ordinary Lives', follows the publication of the Department of Health revised White Paper, 'Valuing People Now.'
- That over 550 Hampshire residents were consulted on the draft Strategy, many of whom were service users and carers.
- That the layout of the Strategy was designed to be easily interpreted by people with Learning Disabilities.
- That historically people with Learning Disabilities haven't always been able to lead ordinary lives, and the aim of the Strategy is to ensure this is facilitated as much as can be.
- That the hoped outcome for this Strategy is that it helps bring about a cultural shift around Learning Disabilities.
- That the Strategy fits in to the Adult Services ethos of personalisation.

In response to questions, Members heard:

- That the Learning Disabilities team is working in partnership with the JobCentre Plus in order to assess the impact of employment on Learning Disabilities benefits.
- That partnership working is also ongoing with further education centres around the provision of courses and qualifications for those with Learning Disabilities.
- That Adult Services are on course to achieve all of the actions within the Strategy.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted and welcomed.

24. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chief Executive presented the work programme (Item 7 in the Minute Book).

RESOLVED:

That the Committee's Work Programme be approved

subject to the issues raised at this meeting.

