

AT A MEETING of the SAFE AND HEALTHY PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE of the COUNTY COUNCIL held at The Castle, Winchester on Friday, 24 January 2014.

**PRESENT**

Chairman:  
p Councillor Patricia Stallard

Vice-Chairman  
p Councillor Chris Carter

Councillors:

p Alan Dowden  
p Keith Evans  
p David Harrison  
p Marge Harvey  
a Roger Huxstep  
p Chris Lagdon

p Fiona Mather  
p Andy Moore  
p George Ringrow  
p Steve Rippon-Swaine  
p Frank Rust  
p Martin Tod

Also in attendance at the invitation of the Chairman:  
Councillor Liz Fairhurst, Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health;  
Councillor Jonathan Glen, Chairman of Policy & Resources Select Committee  
Councillor Andrew Joy, Executive Member for Communities and Partnerships;

29. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Roger Huxstep. The appointed Conservative Substitute Member was not available due to another County Council commitment.

30. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

Cllr Marge Harvey declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the community advisory committee of her local Clinical Commissioning Group.

31. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Select Committee held on 22 November 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Under matters arising:

The Chairman confirmed that the 9 December Cabinet received the Committee's recommendations made on 22 November on the future of four residential care homes and one day centre. Cabinet had unanimously agreed all of the recommendations put before them for decision.

Cllr Carter gave an update on the Committee's Care Bill Working Group which had met twice since November 2012 and had focussed on the consultation for funding and the draft wording of eligibility criteria for service users and for carers. Further meetings are planned to respond to guidance and detailed information from Central Government.

Implementation of the Care Bill's provisions is being led by an Assistant Director and the Department had established a Programme Steering Group to ensure effective progress of work streams from the Care Bill, which is anticipated to receive Royal Assent in April 2014. There would be internal briefings and workshops for Officers throughout the Council to work with Adult Services to deliver the changes.

Cllr Lagdon requested and it was agreed to circulate the Care Bill Update – January 2014 to Select Committee Members and the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health.

Care Bill update to be circulated

32. **DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations to the Select Committee.

33. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- She was aware that the Care Quality Commission had recently published a report on the Hampshire County Council-provided residential care home Westholme, where non-compliance with the Staffing standard of care was found. Adult Services had been asked to provide further information on action plans to ensure future compliance, together with any underlying issues

Briefing on the CQC report and Adult Services

relating to the inspection. This information would be shared with the committee in order to give assurance.

response be circulated

- The next meeting will be at 10am on Friday, 14 March in the Mitchell Room, to undertake the annual crime and disorder scrutiny.
- A request to Members to give apologies for absence in good time, to enable a request to be made for the attendance of the appointed Substitute Member. In response, Cllr Ringrow indicated he would be absent on 14 March due to another County Council meeting commitment.

34. **REVENUE BUDGET 2014/15**

35. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014/15 – 2016/17**

(Items 6 and 7 in the Minute Book were taken together.)

The Committee received a presentation and report from the Director of Corporate Resources and Director of Adult Services on the revenue budget 2014/15 and the capital programme 2014/15 – 2016/17. (Take in reports and presentation, Items 6 and 7 in the Minute Book)

Members heard about the overall budgetary position for the Council and the consequent impact on the delivery of Adult Services in the context of (i) demand pressures (ii) the health landscape (iii) the Care Bill and (iv) Transforming the Council to 2015.

On the 2014/15 Revenue Budget, in response to questions, Members heard:

- That £7 million headroom had been allowed for in the budget for the coming year, to manage the 2 year savings plan and demand pressures
- That it was anticipated demand could be managed more effectively by working with fewer providers and taking a more partnership approach using incentives for the provider
- Use of 'extra care' homes also helped with demand, as evidence to date suggested the care needs of individuals in extra care increased more slowly than average, and they moved to residential care later
- One of the ways the department planned to make the savings required by 2015 was increased use of telehealth. The costs of providing telehealth were being met by the savings it generated.
- That the Supporting People budget was the biggest budget that was not ring fenced or a statutory duty, therefore it was planned to refocus this spending on those with the greatest need. The savings sought from this area amounted to around a third of the current

budget for this service area. Some members were concerned about supporting the proposal to make savings in this area without knowing more detail. It was noted that further work was required on this prior to any decisions being taken.

- Other savings proposals would be worked up further over the coming year, and there would be opportunity for the Select Committee to scrutinise these in more detail at a later date
- That work was taking place on improving the domiciliary care market, including encouraging providers to offer minimum hours contracts. Currently zero hours contracts were common in domiciliary care
- Savings in the County-wide workforce would, by and large, be achieved through the planned residential care home closures.
- That the potential to extend the Village Agent Scheme into urban areas was being considered, as it had been demonstrated as useful for signposting individuals towards available services to help tackle isolation.

The following Members declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to the budget for supporting people, due to being members of a District or Borough Council which provided these services: Cllr Keith Evans, Cllr Fiona Mather, Cllr Patricia Stallard, Cllr Martin Tod. It was noted that Members were eligible to take part in discussions as this was not classed as a pecuniary interest. In addition, Cllr Martin Tod declared that he was a volunteer at the Winchester night shelter.

Cllr Moore raised the emerging proposals relating to the services provided from the hospitals in Winchester and Basingstoke, and queried whether this would impact on the demand for respite beds. The Chairman indicated that the proposals referred to were due to be considered by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and therefore such issues should be raised with that committee.

Cllr Lagdon queried whether there would be an impact on Adult Services in terms of support to adults who were carers, from the proposal by Children's Services to review short breaks services for children with disabilities. Officers indicated no impact on Adults Services was anticipated. The Chairman highlighted that the Children & Young People Select Committee were holding a task and finish group on this issue.

In respect of the Capital Programme, Members heard:

- The majority of the programme was for Extra Care housing and a business case would be required for each development.

The Chairman thanked the opposition Spokespeople who had met with her and key officers during the year to monitor the budget. On behalf of the committee the Chairman thanked the officers for their hard work in managing a challenging budget.

The following recommendation was carried (with two against):

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health approve the revenue budget proposals for submission to the Leader and Cabinet (as per the recommendations in section 12 of the revenue budget report).

The following recommendation was carried unanimously:

**RECOMMENDED:**

That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health approve the Adult Services capital programme for submission to the Leader and Cabinet (as per the recommendation in section 9 of the capital programme report).

36. **BETTER CARE FUND**

The Committee received a presentation from the Director of Adult Services on the Better Care Fund, formerly known as the Integration Transformation Fund (take in presentation, Item 8 in the Minute Book).

**Members Heard:**

- The Better Care Fund was launched by Central Government in June 2013, and its purpose was to drive the transformation of integrated health and social care
- 25% of the funding would be performance related based on meeting/exceeding National Indicators and a Local Indicator. Performance data was submitted to NHS England.
- Hampshire's Local Indicator focus is likely to be re-ablement, recovery and rehabilitation because it promotes less reliance on available services.
- A Joint Plan for the fund in Hampshire was being developed with the County's five Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and was due to be signed off by the Health & Wellbeing Board as well as each CCG
- The plan covered a five year strategy within which three phases were planned focusing first on; integration of service delivery for older people that

would include dementia and carers; in the second phase learning disability and mental health needs and NHS Continuing care; in the third phase young people transitioning to adult care including complex rehabilitation and continuing care

Following questions, Members heard:

- That funds from the Better Care Fund were required to support Adult Social Care services, and some of this funding was currently invested in existing NHS services. Therefore it was important for the Adult Services budget that capacity was released successfully in the health system
- That integrated health and social care would include promoting service users independence/self-sufficiency alongside them having choice and control. Where integrated care teams were already in place, there had been positive feedback from service users.
- That integrated teams included mental health and community service providers
- That changes were often seen as simply a reduction in beds, however more accurately the ambition was a reduction in time spent in a bed per patient, as care could be provided more appropriately in the community.
- That achieving the performance related element was considered a risk, although Hampshire was already in the upper quartile nationally for indicators such as delayed transfers of care.
- Some of the Better Care Fund would need to be used to meet the requirements of the Care Bill.

RESOLVED:

To receive an update on implementation and the effectiveness of operation of the Fund in future.

37. **DEMENTIA IN HAMPSHIRE**

The Committee received a briefing from the Director of Adult Services on Dementia in Hampshire (Take in presentation, Item 9 in the Minute Book).

Members heard:

- That the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment indicated there were over 18,500 people in Hampshire with dementia and this was expected to increase
- That there was a strong link between those with dementia and those requiring social care support
- That feedback had been sought from those with dementia and their carers regarding what they need, and one of the outcomes had been the piloting of dementia friendly communities

- There is continuing collaborative work with the CCGs and Public Health to develop routes for early diagnosis together with treatment and support in the Community.

Following questions, Members heard that:

- That the majority of those with dementia were supported in the community, however there were specialist inpatient beds for those at the high end of need
- CQC registration enabled the County Council to name all its Older Person's homes as having dementia care in its Statement of Purpose and their effectiveness was assessed through the Commission's themed inspections.
- An accreditation for workforce training on dementia was being discussed, and whilst this could provide an income stream, the primary aim of such training would be ensuring the quality of the workforce working with people with dementia.
- Dementia Friendly Hampshire was already being recognised for its value with positive feedback from users/carers for its High Street Scheme.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted, and the committee confirm the request to scrutinise Dementia Friendly Communities in more detail at the April Select Committee meeting.

38. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Director of Policy and Governance presented the work programme (Item 10 in the Minute Book).

The Committee agreed that the following items be considered for addition to the work programme:

- IT support to Adult Services including; wifi capability in the County Council's residential care homes; IT available to assist with integration of health and social care; and any future plans for improving service delivery in Adult Services through use of IT.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee's work programme be approved subject to the issues raised at this meeting.

Work Programme be updated

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Chairman, 14 March 2014