

AT A MEETING of the SAFE AND HEALTHY PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE of the COUNTY COUNCIL held at The Castle, Winchester on Friday, 25 January 2013.

PRESENT

Chairman:
p Councillor Liz Fairhurst

Vice-Chairman
p Councillor Roger Kimber

Councillors:

p Ann Buckley	a Eric Neal
p Alan Dowden	a Jackie Porter
p Jane Frankum	p David Simpson
p Michael Geddes	p Patricia Stallard
p Mark Kemp-Gee	p Pat West
p Pam Mutton	

Also in attendance at the invitation of the Chairman:
Councillor Felicity Hindson MBE, Executive Member for Adult Social Care

109. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Eric Neal.

110. **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.

111. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Select Committee held on 23 November 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and

signed by the Chairman.

Under matters arising on the minutes, it was noted that the Guardian article, Cabinet and 'Reducing the Risk of Choking' reports had all been electronically circulated to Committee Members as requested.

112. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman did not make any announcements on this occasion.

113. **CENTRAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION AND POLICY UPDATE**

The Committee received a presentation from the Director of Adult Services giving an overview of the Care and Support White Paper, and which included how the Government's recent announcement on the use of private hospitals for those with learning disabilities would affect Hampshire.

(Take in presentation)

Members heard:

- That the principles in the White Paper were in line with the Hampshire strategy for Adult Social Care pursued over the past five years.
- That Hampshire had already submitted four bids to the national funding stream available for housing to support the extra care project. If these bids were successful it would mean the County Council's funding for extra care could go further.
- That Adult Services were in the process of seeking a strategic partner to deliver telecare.
- The County Council was keen to support apprenticeships in social care.
- That national funding was available to support the integration of health and social care – a project was taking place in the north of the County with social workers working alongside community nurses and GPs.
- That the White Paper did not tackle the issue of the cost of care, or take forward the recommendation of the Dilnot review to cap the costs individuals would pay towards their social care.
- That the costs of care were increasing and the Dilnot recommendations did not address this. In addition, the suggested cap on contributions would not apply to the 'hotel' costs of an individual receiving care.
- That as a result of the Winterbourne View scandal, the NHS Commissioning Board would be monitoring a programme of action designed to learn lessons and improve quality of care for people with a learning disability.

- That the County Council would be reviewing its own practice with regard to commissioning learning disability services, to improve practice, for example placing people as close to friends and family as possible.

In response to questions, Members heard:

- That care costs had increased due to increasing complexity of care needs to be supported.
- That it was unlikely the prevalence of complex needs could be reduced by further preventative work, as they were mainly the result of people living longer with multiple health problems.
- That the NHS was moving away from a bed based model of care, and seeking to discharge people back to their own home as soon as possible, and that this was creating a pressure on social care to support those individuals in their home setting.
- That Adult Services were developing strong relationships with the emerging Clinical Commissioning Groups to support joint working.
- That Adult Services were in discussion with Culture Communities and Business Services regarding the potential for Community Support Officers to assist with checking up on vulnerable people in the community.
- That the County Council would not ask an individual to move to supported housing if the cost of supporting them in their own home was high.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation is noted.

113. **REVENUE BUDGET 2013/14**

114. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14 – 2015/16**

(Items 5. and 6. in the Minute Book were taken together.)

The Committee received a presentation from the Director of Corporate Resources and Director of Adult Services on the revenue budget 2013/14 and the capital programme 2013/14 – 2015/16.

(Take in reports and presentation)

Members heard:

- That 2012/13 had been a tough year for Adult Services, including the closure of three care homes as part of the transition to extra care.
- That corporate support had been received for savings slippage as it was taking longer than anticipated for adult care services to transform, and it was estimated that such support could be required in future years.

- The department was required to make 2% savings in 2013/14, a reduction in the 8% savings required for the previous two years, given the County Council's approach to front-load savings.
- That the savings proposals to meet the 2% included:
 - working with Economy Transport & Environment Department on transport issues;
 - efficiencies in reablement services;
 - savings through the introduction of telecare;
 - efficiencies in underused day care capacity, and;
 - a number of actions had been identified for budgets that were non staff related or direct service costs labelled 'housekeeping'.
- There was confidence the savings proposals for 2013/14 were achievable.
- An equality impact assessment had been undertaken on all proposals.

In response to questions, Members heard:

- That Adult Services received around £100 million in income from the NHS and clients, and this funding remained within the Department.
- The projected number of extra care units was 500, though this could be exceeded. Each development would be tailored to the needs of the local area.
- That the individual financial assessment would take account of if there was a change in someone's financial circumstances. If an individual's financial position was impacted by the welfare changes, they could request to be re-assessed.
- That there was due to be an all Member briefing on the welfare reforms.
- That while the use of 15 minute care visits had reduced, they would still be used in some cases, as they were considered a useful option as part of some care packages e.g. as a 'pop in' visit on top of a longer visit at another time of day, or as a starting point for those just beginning to need a small amount of support.

Members supported the work of the department to manage a challenging budgetary situation.

RESOLVED:

That:

1. The Select Committee support the proposed revenue budget and capital programme to the Executive Member for Adult Social Care, as set out in section 11 of Item 6 and section 9 of Item 7.
2. An item on the transformation of reablement services comes before the Committee when available.

115. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Director of Policy and Governance presented the work programme (Item 8 in the Minute Book).

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

- How the Department engages with hard-to-reach communities in Hampshire on access to services.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee's Work Programme be approved subject to the issues raised at the meeting.

Chairman, 28 June 2013

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