

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health
Date:	25 July 2018
Title:	Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Social Inclusion Grant
Report From:	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1. That approval is given by the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health to award a grant of up to £374,257, for up to 6 months from 1 April 2019, to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to allow the continuation of existing Social Inclusion services in the area during the Transformation to 2019 review period.
- 1.2. That approval is given by the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health to give delegated authority to the Director of Adults' Health and Care to agree the extension term and the associated grant amount to be awarded to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council as detailed in 1.1 above.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1. The purpose of this paper is to seek approval to award a grant to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC) for up to 6 months to allow for the continuation of Social Inclusion services in the area over the Transformation to 2019 review period.
- 2.2. This is being requested to allow sufficient time to implement any proposed changes to services that may be agreed by the Executive Member following completion of the review process that is being undertaken as part of the Transformation to 2019 (T19) programme.
- 2.3. The County Council contracts for Social Inclusion services include clauses that can be used to extend services if required, however arrangements in Basingstoke and Deane are different and services are commissioned locally through a grant agreement.

3. Contextual information

- 3.1. Social Inclusion services provide support to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. These services are now referred to as Homelessness Support services to aid understanding over the review period.
- 3.2. The County Council currently spends £4.2m on Homelessness Support services and has contracts with organisations to deliver services in Eastleigh, East Hampshire, Fareham, Gosport, Hart, Havant, New Forest, Rushmoor, Test Valley and Winchester.
- 3.3. Following the last strategic review, services in Basingstoke and Deane have been commissioned locally through a grant agreement with the County Council agreed by the Executive Member for Adult Social Care on 24 June 2015. This arrangement concludes on 31 March 2019.

4. Transformation to 2019 Social Inclusion services review

- 4.1. The Adults' Health and Care Transformation to 2019 revenue savings proposals were agreed by the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health in September 2017 and signed off by full Council in November 2017. Proposals included a up to £2m reduction in the budget available for Social Inclusion services (Homelessness Support services).
- 4.2. Whilst the original budget proposals were for savings to be released when the current Social Inclusion contracts came to an end in March 2019; the complexity of reconfiguring services in partnership with 11 District Councils has resulted in a proposal to extend all current arrangements to 31 July 2019.
- 4.3. Approval to award a grant of up to £374,257 would allow an initial grant of £249,504 to be awarded to BDBC to allow continuation of services for 4 months from 1 April 2019 to 31 July 2019 and the option of a further 2 month extension at a value of £124,753 should additional time be required for implementation of changes across the county.

5. Consultation

- 5.1. The County Council opened a public consultation on proposed changes to Homelessness Support services on 15 June 2018. This consultation will run for 8 weeks and close on 10 August 2018.
- 5.2. The proposed changes would achieve a potential reduction of £1.8 million, which is £200k less than the original target saving. In this regard, the proposed changes and new operating model have been carefully developed and designed in consultation with our public sector partners, including all of the district and borough councils.
- 5.3. The consultation is seeking the views of service users and other interested stakeholders on proposals to prioritise reduced County Council spend on Homelessness Support services to support the most vulnerable people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

- 5.4. Feedback from this consultation will be considered by the multi agency partnership group that has been set up to support engagement with key stakeholders throughout the review and a 'Task and Finish Working Group' comprising cross-party members of the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee. A final set of proposals will be put to the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health in the second half of the 2018/2019 financial year.

6. Equalities

- 6.1. The extension of the Basingstoke and Deane Grant agreement would have a positive impact on people with protected characteristics as it would allow continuation of existing services for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- 6.2. A comprehensive Equalities Impact Assessment was completed at the start of the review process and revised following the development of proposals for consultation. This has been published alongside the consultation documents. At this stage, the impact of the proposed changes to services with regard to disability is considered to be high and the impact with regard to age and gender is considered to be medium. A link to the full report is given below:
<http://documents.hants.gov.uk/equality-impact-assessments/ProposedchangestoHomelessnessSupportServices.pdf>
- 6.3 It is for the Executive Member as decision maker to have due regard to the need to: Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act and advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1. Social Inclusion (Homelessness Support) services have been reviewed together with the district and borough councils as part of the County Council's Transformation to 2019 programme.
- 7.2. The County Council is now consulting with service users and other interested stakeholders on proposed changes to Homelessness Support services that would release £1.8m of savings.
- 7.3. Final recommendations for changes to services will be presented to the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health in the second half of the 2018/2019 financial year, following analysis of feedback from the consultation and further engagement with key partners.
- 7.4. In order to allow sufficient time for effective implementation of any changes that may be agreed by the Executive Member, approval is being sought to award a grant to BDBC of up to £374,257. An Initial award of £249,504 would be made to allow for the extension of current arrangements in

Basingstoke and Deane to 31 July 2019 to align with current expected timescales.

- 7.5. The contracts that the County Council has with organisations for the delivery of Homelessness Support services across the rest of the county will also be extended to 31 July 2019.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Strategic Plan**

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	no
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	no
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
Transformation to 2019: Revenue Savings Proposals	21 September 2017
Supporting People: Remodelling Social Inclusion Services	24 June 2015

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;

Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;

Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;

Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;

Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

The extension of the Basingstoke and Deane grant agreement would have a positive impact as this would allow continuation of existing services for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

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2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

The County Council has a legal obligation under Section 7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to consider the impact of all decisions it makes on the prevention of crime. No changes to services are proposed in this report and there will therefore be no impact on crime and disorder.

3. Climate Change:

How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

No changes to services are proposed in this report and there will therefore be no impact on climate change.