

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Committee	Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee
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Title:	Working Group Proposal
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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is for the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC) to consider whether to initiate a Working Group to oversee and scrutinise the approach and outcomes of the HCC Care Service proposals formal public consultation.

Recommendations

2. That the HASC set up a Working Group to oversee and scrutinise the approach and outcomes of the HCC Care Service proposals formal public consultation, as per the attached Terms of Reference.
3. That HASC agree the membership of the Working Group in accordance with the membership set out in the Terms of Reference.

Contextual information

4. Cabinet has approved a set of service recommendations in relation to the proposed future service direction of HCC Care's Older Adults service portfolio, including a formal public consultation on proposed home closures and existing home modifications. It has also recommended that the HASC be asked to set up a Working Group to oversee a formal public consultation exercise that will commence early September 2023.
5. The Cabinet report recommended a capital investment of some £173m in the HCC Care Older Adults portfolio with the investment addressing high priority maintenance and health and safety issues as well as providing for a major suitability programme that would result in more modern, fit-for-the-future homes.
6. The proposed capital investment programme combines the building of three new homes, modifications and expansions to three existing homes and seven proposed home closures as detailed in paragraph 8.

7. It is acknowledged that these proposed service changes would result in a material change to the existing HCC Care service operation with impacts for existing clients, staff, the overall service focus, and configuration, and for wider stakeholders. The proposed changes will therefore be subject to a comprehensive formal consultation process that will commence at the beginning of September.
8. The formal public consultation process is specifically in relation to the proposed home closures and the proposed existing home modifications. The formal public consultation will therefore seek views on the following:
 - the proposed permanent closure of two homes currently temporarily closed for operational reasons; Copper Beeches in Andover and Cranleigh Paddock in Lyndhurst,
 - the proposed closures of Bishops Waltham House, Solent Mead (which also caters for Day Services), and Green Meadows in 2024 (exact timings to be confirmed) for service and financial reasons.
 - the proposed closure and relocation of Malmesbury Lawn and Westholme, for service proximity and workforce reasons, at the time both of the proposed new-build facilities (at Oak Park and Cornerways), become operational (not before the end of 2026).
 - proposed existing site modifications and expansions of Oakridge House, Ticehurst and Emsworth House.