

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health |
| Date: | 5 December 2018 |
| Title: | Homelessness Support Services: Outcome of the Social Inclusion Transformation to 2019 Review |
| Report From: | Director of Adults' Health and Care |

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1. The decision:

That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health:

- a) agrees to a reduction in spend on County Council funded Homelessness Support Services of £1.8m per annum from 1 August 2019 through the modification of current County Council contracts for Social Inclusion services and a new grant agreement with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.
- b) approves modifications to the Social Inclusion contracts that include a change in eligibility and an additional optional extension to March 2022, as set out in the report.
- c) grants permission to modify the contract for Winchester Night Shelter to include the option to extend this contract to March 2022 and approves an increase in spend of £61,680, increasing the aggregate value of this contract from £308,400 to £370,080, should the additional option to extend be exercised.
- d) gives delegated authority to the Director of Adults' Health and Care in consultation with the Executive Member to exercise the option to extend the contracts referred to in b) and c) above to March 2022.
- e) approves the award of a grant of up to £1,143,473 from 1 August 2019, for up to 32 months as outlined in 8.6 of the report, to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to enable them to commission Homelessness Support Services for their area in line with the grant conditions outlined in 8.3 of the report.
- f) agrees that Hampshire County Council Adults' Health and Care department monitor the service impact of the proposed changes.

2. Reason(s) for the decision:

- 2.1. This report outlines proposed changes to Homelessness Support Services that would achieve £1.8m savings per annum whilst maintaining services that provide support for the most vulnerable homeless people who are sleeping rough or at risk of sleeping rough.
- 2.2 These changes are being proposed against the backdrop of unprecedented financial challenges. The County Council must meet a funding shortfall of £140 million by April 2019, and of this, £56 million is planned to be met from the Adults' Health and Care budget. Savings of this scale mean that the County Council must challenge the way it currently provides services and looks at different ways to meet people's needs.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Do nothing – there is a need for changes to the way housing related support services are provided due to national austerity measures as well as combined demographic and inflationary pressures. With less money available and growing demand for council services we need to ensure these more limited resources are targeted at the most in need and the most vulnerable.
- 3.2. An initial financial savings target of £2million was proposed and amended to £1.8million. This was following consultation with HASC members, local authority representatives and representatives from other statutory agencies. This more prudent approach to the savings required will enable support to be continued and be provided alongside move on accommodation.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: Not applicable

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

In reaching this decision I have taken into account the debate and recommendations made by the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee on 20 November 2018, which I have reflected in my additional decision 1(f) above.

Approved by:

Date:

5 December 2018

**Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health
Councillor Liz Fairhurst**