

# **HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SELECT (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE**

## **TASK AND FINISH WORKING GROUP ON SOCIAL INCLUSION SERVICES**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### **1. Role and Purpose of the Task and Finish Working Group**

The Task and Finish Working Group is a working group of the Health and Adult Social Care Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee (HASC), and is appointed in accordance with the Constitution of Hampshire County Council.

The Task and Finish Group's purpose is to review proposals for future 'Social Inclusion' services, as part of the wider programme of 'Transformation to 2019'.

#### **2. Scope of the Task and Finish Group**

The HASC considered an introduction to the 'Transformation to 2019' ('T19') programme, including a broad overview of the Council's required savings and the specific efficiencies to be sought from Adults' Health and Care, at their 21 July 2017 meeting. This working group is being formed to provide overview and scrutiny to a review of Social Inclusion services, which forms part of the Department's T19 programme, prior to an Executive Member decision.

#### **Objectives:**

- To support the County Council with the partnership approach to reviewing Social Inclusion services alongside District and Borough Councils, together with any other organisations with a statutory responsibility or interest in this provision.
- To review feedback from engagement and consultation with a wide range of stakeholders, including service users.
- To consider and provide comment on impact assessments.
- To scrutinise and review proposals for service reconfiguration developed within the financial envelope available.

#### **Exclusions:**

- The overall savings contribution as may be agreed by the Executive Member for Adults' Health and Care on 21 September 2017.
- The consideration of other Adults' Health and Care services not defined as 'Social Inclusion'.

#### **Outcomes:**

- To provide updates to the wider HASC on the progress of considerations when appropriate.

- To make recommendations regarding proposals to the wider HASC
- To submit a report to the wider HASC when Social Inclusion service recommendations appear before the Committee for pre-decision scrutiny.

### **3. Method**

The working group will meet with department officers to consider the evidence leading to recommendations for decisions on the future of Social Inclusion services. At each meeting, the group will provide oversight, scrutiny and comment on progress towards the stated objectives of the review. Where the working group requires further information in order to pursue the concerns outlined in the scope, such information will be requested.

### **4. Membership**

The working group shall be a cross party group made up of four County Councillor Members of the HASC, with additional membership from one of the District and Borough Co-opted Membership.

### **5. Meetings**

The Working Group will hold an initial meeting to understand the timeline for reviewing and making recommendations on Social Inclusion services. After this meeting, it shall meet as often as required to satisfactorily explore this topic.

### **6. Code of Conduct**

Elected Members of the Working Group shall comply with the Hampshire County Council Code of Conduct applicable to Members.

### **7. Reporting**

The Working Group will make an update to the HASC on the progress of considerations when appropriate. It will provide comment to the wider HASC when Social Inclusion service recommendations appear before the Committee for pre-decision scrutiny.

The Working Group will cease to exist once its purpose has been fulfilled.

## **Background to Social Inclusion services**

Social Inclusion services provide short term accommodation-based and community support to vulnerable people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The client group includes rough sleepers, people with mental health support needs, substance misuse issues, learning disabilities and those with a history of offending behaviour.

The County Council's annual spend on these services is £4.2m.

The current contracts that commenced in April 2016 and come to an end in March 2019 include the following types of service provision:

- **Street outreach:** support for people sleeping rough.
- **Stage 1 accommodation:** 24/7 support within a hostel environment for single homeless.
- **Stage 2 accommodation:** short term supported accommodation with a lower level of support for single homeless.
- **Community support:** support available regardless of tenure where an individual or family is homeless or at risk of homelessness and has additional needs that are exacerbating or preventing them from addressing their housing situation without support.

The contracts above deliver services in all areas of the County apart from Basingstoke and Deane. The County Council entered into a 3 year grant agreement with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council on 1 April 2016 to enable them to commission their own Social Inclusion services. This agreement ends on 31 March 2019.