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| DECISION-MAKER: | OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE | | |
| SUBJECT: | ADULT SOCIAL CARE PROVIDER SERVICES | | |
| DATE OF DECISION: | 11 TH SEPTEMBER 2014 | | |
| REPORT OF: | CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE | | |
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| STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY | | | |
| None | | | |

BRIEF SUMMARY

A 90 day statutory consultation on the future of Woodside Lodge residential home, day services and the respite service provided at Kentish Road is underway and closes on 23 October. This paper outlines the scope of and reasons for the proposals and gives details of the consultation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the Committee is requested to consider the proposals and the consultation process and discuss them with the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Chair of the Committee requested this item on the agenda to enable the Committee to contribute to the consultation.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. On 15 July 2014, Cabinet approved a public consultation on the future of Woodside Lodge residential home, day services (including those commissioned and provided directly by the Council) and the respite service for people with learning disabilities at Kentish Road. The decision became effective and consultation began on 24 July 2014 and it closes on 23 October 2014. Further details about the services in scope of the consultation are given in Appendix A.
4. These proposals have been put forward to ensure that in the face of a growing demand for adult social care services and budget constraints, individuals' eligible needs can be met in a way that promotes independence,

makes the best use of the widest range of opportunities available and supports people to have choice and control. People's eligible needs will continue to be met, but possibly in a different way or in a different setting.

5. The purpose of the consultation is to seek the views of a wide range of interested parties, including service users, families, carers, service providers, partners, the voluntary sector, Members, trade unions and other stakeholders. These will inform the Cabinet decision on the future of services, which is scheduled for November or December 2014.
6. A timetable of 26 public consultation meetings is available on the Council's website and is attached at Appendix B. At least three public meetings have been arranged at Woodside Lodge, Kentish Road and in each day service centre. In addition, two public meetings have been arranged in the Civic Centre and meetings have taken place or are scheduled with Southampton Mencap, the Learning Disability Partnership Board, Consult and Challenge and Healthwatch. Meetings have been arranged on different days and at different times of the day to ensure that as many people as possible can attend.
7. In addition to the public consultation meetings, briefings have been arranged for Members, partners and providers to explain the proposals and seek views.
8. In parallel with the consultation, the Integrated Commissioning Unit (ICU) is leading a series of co-production workshops with service users, carers and service providers to consider how services may be designed and delivered in the future to flexibly meet eligible needs in a way that maximises independence and ensures the best outcomes with the available budget. These have been well attended and the work will continue over the next two months and will also inform the Cabinet decision on the future of services.
9. The ICU is hosting information sessions for members of staff about different ways of delivering services, including advice on setting up social enterprises, along with separate briefings for service providers to explore opportunities to develop services.
10. A questionnaire can be downloaded on the Council's website and is being distributed at events and at the facilities that are potentially affected. Many people have also chosen to write in or email the dedicated address (providerservices.consultation@southampton.gov.uk) and this will continue to be encouraged.
11. Separate arrangements have been made to find out the views of the residents of Woodside Lodge and individuals who use day services and the respite service at Kentish Road, by working with advocacy services that are independent of the Council.
12. At the time of writing, ten public consultation events have been held, which have ranged from small workshop-type sessions to large meetings. Comprehensive notes of questions asked are being taken, which are being fed back to participants and will inform the final report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

13. The table below shows the 2014/15 budget for services within scope for the consultation and the estimate of savings to be realised through re-provision/redesign, including the potential closure of Woodside Lodge and alternatives to building based day and respite services, should proposals be taken forward following consultation, assessments and further consideration of all relevant factors. These savings were included within the mini budget proposals agreed by Council on 16 July 2014.

| | 2014/15 budget | Indicative budget savings (cumulative) | |
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| | | 2015/16 | 2016/17 |
| Residential Care | £930,000 | £200,000 | £300,000 |
| Respite | £346,000 | £200,000 | £300,000 |
| Day Services | £3,800,000* | £500,000 | £1,200,00 |
| Total | £5,076,000 | £900,000 | £1,800,000 |

Figure 1: Indicative budget savings

*£1,500,000 is spent on internally provided day services

Property/Other

14. The proposals relate to services which are delivered from a number of Council-owned buildings, but there are no property-related implications to consider at this stage.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

15. The Council has a statutory duty to consult for a minimum of 90 days before making any decision to change the way that it meets the eligible needs of adults and should also comply with relevant good practice guidance. It must adequately consider the impacts on health of any decision made to alter the way that it provides services. This is particularly relevant for residents of residential homes, if a decision is made to close a home. A fuller consideration of legal requirements is given in the paper considered by Cabinet on 15 July 2014, available on the Council's website.

Other Legal Implications:

16. The consultation closes on 23 October 2014 and Cabinet is scheduled to make a decision on the future of provider services in November or December 2014. If the decision has an impact on staff numbers, a statutory consultation with staff will follow in early 2015 (either 30 or 45 days depending on the number of staff affected).
17. Any decision to close Woodside Lodge and, or, to re-provision respite or day services would require an appropriate transition plan for current residents and service users. Dedicated staff would work with residents, service users, their

families and carers. Individuals' needs would be thoroughly reviewed to help find the most suitable arrangements for those eligible for support. The Council would work with all involved at every stage to discuss options, help make decisions and to support a move to any new arrangements.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

18. These proposals are aligned to a number of priorities set out in the City Council Plan 2014-17, including:
- Prevention and early intervention
 - Protecting vulnerable people
 - A sustainable Council

KEY DECISION? Yes

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| WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED: | All |
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

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| 1 | Details of services in scope for the consultation |
| 2 | Schedule of public consultation meetings |

Documents In Members' Rooms

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| 1. | None |
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Equality Impact Assessment

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| Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out. | Yes |
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Other Background Documents

Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

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| Title of Background Paper(s) | Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable) |
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| 1. | CABINET PAPER SEEKING APPROVAL FOR CONSULTATION (15 JULY 2014) http://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/documents/s21Adult%20Social%20Care%20Provider%20Services%20-%20RPT.pdf | |
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