

Statement made by Cllr David Shields, Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care

Cabinet meeting, 9 December 2014

Thank you Leader. I am sure that everyone will be familiar with the fact that the review of these reports at Overview and Scrutiny raised a number of questions and concerns. It is my intention to address those concerns and to allay any lingering concerns which members, residents or our partners may have:

- 1) Those of you who were able to attend the Overview and Scrutiny meeting last week will know that a number of people expressed the view that we were dealing with three foregone conclusion; please let me assure you that nothing could be further from the truth and that I have found the extensive consultation process we have been through between July and the end of October, and which is continuing now, particularly helpful and informative. Having said that, everyone in this chamber and increasingly so the residents of the city, are aware that the council currently faces a massive £75 million gap in its finances over the next three years. The council must therefore deal with the prospect of making some very difficult and unpopular decisions if it is to both balance its budget and protect as many essential services as possible. It is against this background that I ask members to consider these reports. I will now respond to some points raised at Scrutiny on 4 December 2014.

Woodside Lodge

- 2) The reports make it clear and I have confirmed that Woodside Lodge will *not* close until all of the existing residents have been found and re-located to a suitable new home. As was highlighted at Overview and Scrutiny, the council does not contract with homes which have been found wanting by the CQC inspection process. A dedicated social worker is already working with residents at Woodside Lodge and their families and this arrangement will continue if the decision to close is made next week. The social worker and the team at Woodside Lodge will all work closely with residents, families and carers to make sure that transition is achieved as smoothly as possible. At Scrutiny much was made of the cost of finding private sector solutions for residents. I can confirm that the position has been checked with our Integrated Commissioning Unit and the weekly cost of a residential placement in the city is £430.85 for a specialist dementia placement, compared to the weekly charge at Woodside of £511.63 (although the actual cost to the council per bed is in the region of £710 per week, based on full occupancy). Thirteen residents remain at Woodside Lodge and the facility has recently taken four cases of short stay emergency respite care. If the decision to close is taken, no more short stay emergency admissions will be taken. There are currently vacancies in other council care homes which can be used to help facilitate a smooth and timely closure of Woodside Lodge. Similarly there are presently a number of vacant posts available within the council's directly provided services which can be utilised to help keep redundancies to a minimum should the proposed closure go ahead.

Respite Services at Kentish Road and Day Services

- 3) In the reports before you, the Director and I have made it clear that the respite service at Kentish Road and the day services provided at St Denys and Freemantle, will not close until all service users have been re-assessed and, where appropriate, a suitable alternative service provided. If this means that the target date for closure needs to be extended then arrangements for this to be the case will be made. *Members should note that recommendations in each of the reports seek to delegate authority to the Director, following consultation with me, which would allow the target dates for closure to be extended if the need arises.*
- 4) Concerns were raised at Overview and Scrutiny about an apparent lack of involvement of the St Denys Area Community Association during the consultation period. The Head of Adult Social Care has now met with the Chairman of the Association, Mr Phillip Amey and he has emphasized that between January and the proposed closure date the council will work closely with the Chair and his committee to explore options for a viable future. Mr Amey has highlighted his concerns about the possible impact of day centre closure on the viability of his Association, given the management and maintenance costs associated with the day-to-day operation of the building. These overheads are currently partially defrayed by a partnership agreement with the council's day services operating out of the centre. I can confirm that these concerns, building security and new partnership opportunities will all form part of discussions which I will ensure take place from January onwards. I fully anticipate that the discussions with the management committee will include using the Community Asset transfer process to identify options for asset transfer and future viability.
- 5) At Overview and Scrutiny, some elected members and members of the public commented on the Adult Social Care team's ability to complete the necessary re-assessments in an appropriate and timely fashion. Cabinet members will be aware that the reports identified an estimated need to carry out in the region of 290 re-assessments. To ensure that these are completed the Director of People will establish a dedicated team of four care managers and one Senior Practitioner who will work exclusively on the re-assessment project until all of the reviews are complete. The Senior Practitioner who will lead the team has 11 years of experience of working with individuals with a learning disability. The plan is for each officer in the team to complete approximately 58 reviews – a completion rate of 7.25 reviews per week.
- 6) I have made available a list of those day services currently available across the city, which could address some the individual assessed needs once reviews have been carried out. Upon completion I am sure that we will see new success stories developing around the use of Direct Payments (see appendix).
- 7) Finally at Overview and Scrutiny there were some comments around the accuracy of the figures set out in paragraphs 29-34 of the report on Kentish Road. I can confirm that these have now been double-checked. Paragraph 30 highlights the estimated residual costs of running the building: £40,000. Paragraph 31 identifies the estimated cost for the re-provision of services. For individuals in bands one and two, this is estimated to cost £50,000 per year, based on approximately 1,254 nights at £38 per night. The estimated

cost of re-provision for individuals in band three is £75,000 and it is anticipated that this will secure in the region of 872 nights of support.

There has also been some confusion about the financial figures in the Day Services report. Two savings scenarios are set out and summarised in the table below. Scenario A gives a more optimistic view and delivers a total saving of £1.01m over two years. Scenario B gives a more pessimistic view, which delivers a total saving of £700,000 over two years.

Summary of finance figures in Day Services report

	SCENARIO A	SCENARIO B
Current Budget (2014/15)	£1,840,000	£1,840,000
Saving in 2015/16 (closure of two bases)	-£990,000	-£990,000
Cost of re-provision in 2015/16	£140,000	£450,000
Further saving in 2016/17 (market development etc.)	-£160,000	-£160,000
New Budget (2016/17)	£830,000	£1,140,000
<i>Total saving</i>	<i>£1,010,000</i>	<i>£700,000</i>

(Note: the cost of re-provision is for those clients who would no longer be eligible for accessing the residual service provided by Southampton Day Services. The lower saving figures will be used for any saving proposals should Cabinet agree to the proposals next week.)

Appendix 1: List of Providers

Independent Sector Providers

1. Voyage Care
2. Age Concern Southampton
3. Dimensions (NSO) Ltd
4. Equinable Ltd
5. Fereinsteins Ltd
6. Green Light Southampton Ltd.
7. Headway Southampton
8. Karibu Care
9. Mayfield Nurseries
10. Minstead Training Project,
11. Murphy, Stephen
12. Needs Eezed
13. Oak Lodge Nursing Home, Bupa Care Homes
14. Oasis Farm
15. Queen Elizabeth 2nd Silver Jubilee Activity Centre
16. Rethink Severe Mental Illness Southern
17. Rose Road Association
18. SCA Community Care Services Ltd
19. SHFT TQ Twenty One
20. Slimm, John
21. Solent Mind
22. Southampton Mencap
23. Southampton Special Purpose Workshop
24. Speaking Space
25. The Out Of Town Centre
26. Tiley, Sandra
27. Way Ahead Leisure Pursuits
28. Windward
29. Workmobility

Other Local Authority Services

30. East Sussex County council
31. Hexagon Centre Social Services
32. Locksheath Day Services
33. Bishopstoke Day Services
34. Romsey and Waterside Day Services

Other Listed Providers

35. Lavender House
36. Linden House
37. Leonard Cheshire Foundation
38. The White House
39. Brownhill House

Proposed Council Provision (subject to Cabinet decision)

1. Sembal House
2. Woolston Community Centre

Provider	Service Name	Address	Clientele	Additional Service Information
Voyage Care	28 Woolston Road	28 Woolston Road, Netley Abbey, Southampton, Hampshire, SO31 5FQ	LD (Not Day Centre)	Specialises in: Autistic spectrum disorders, Behavioural support, Learning disability, Mental health, Physical disability.
Age Concern Southampton	Padwell Road Day Care Centre	Age Concern Hampshire, 11-21 Padwell Road, Southampton, Hampshire, SO14 6Q	Older person service	
Dimensions (NSO) Ltd	Dimensions	Dimensions, The Mill House Centre, Mill Road, Totton, Southampton, SO40 3AE	LD	
Equinable Ltd	Equinable	22 Kinver Close, Romsey, Hampshire SO51 7JU	LD	
Fereinsteins Ltd	Fereinsteins	Totton Conservative Club, 1 South Parade, Salisbury Road Totton SO40 3PY	LD	Communication and fun sessions for learners who are unable to access mainstream groups
Green Light Southampton Ltd.	Green Light	c/o Two Saints (Next Door to Patrick House) Millbrook Road West, Southampton SO15 0HW	MH	
Headway Southampton	Headway	Headway Southampton 120 Commercial Road, Totton Southampton SO40 3AD	ABI	
Karibu Care		20 Pylewell Road Southampton Hampshire SO45 6AR	Day centre 10 miles from SCC	
Mayfield Nurseries	Mayfield Nurseries	Mayfield Nurseries Mayfield Park Weston Lane Southampton SO19 9HL	MH	Mayfield is a working nursery and social enterprise open to the public for the sale of plants and sundries. Mental health charity whose parent charity is Solent Mind
Minstead Training Project,	Minstead Training Project	Minstead Lodge Minstead, Lyndhurst	LD	Training to young adults with learning disabilities/difficulties. Training is in all areas of life

		Hampshire SO43 7FT		and social skills. Day service training includes horticultural training, woodwork and craftwork, pottery and catering.
Murphy, Stephen	Stephen Murphy Care Services	67 Newton Road Southampton Hampshire SO19 9HX	LD Dom care	Domestic, shopping, transport, companion/ sitting, meals. Daytime only
Needs Eezed		The Loft, Hiltingbury Community Centre, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh SO53 5NP	LD	
Oasis Farm	Community Farm	Down to Earth Community Farm, Oasis Academy Lord's Hill, Green Lane, Southampton SO16 9RG.	LD/MH	Down to Earth Community Farm is now able to offer a programme of activities for people with mild to moderate learning disabilities
Queen Elizabeth 2 nd Silver Jubilee Activity Centre	QE2 Activity Centre	QE2 Activity Centre Manor Farm Country Park, Pylands Lane, Bursledon, Hampshire, SO31 1BH	LD	
Rethink Severe Mental Illness Southern			MH no Day centre	
	Romsey & Waterside Day Services	Romsey & Waterside Day Services Hounslow Centre Southampton Hampshire SO40 9FT	LD	
Rose Road Association	Rose Road Association	The Bradbury Centre, 300 Aldermoor Rd, Southampton SO16 5NA	LD No Day Centre	
SCA Community Care Services Ltd	Brook Centre, Oak Lodge, Woodside Lodge, Brownhill House	SCA Group, Amplevine House, Dukes Road, Southampton, SO14 0ST	Older persons service	Brook Centre, Bitterne, Southampton - for older people with physical difficulties Oak Lodge, Bitterne, Southampton - for older people with memory problems Woodside Lodge, Millbrook, Southampton, for older people with memory loss (new venue)

				being identified pending Cabinet decision), Brownhill House, Maybush, Southampton, for older people with physical difficulties
SHFT TQ Twenty One	Short Breaks and Domiciliary Care	Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust Maples Horseshoe Drive Calmore SO40 2RZ		Short Breaks Jacobs Lodge Jacobs Gutter Lane Houndsdown Totton SO40 9FT 023 8066 1205
Solent Mind		28 The Avenue, Southampton, SO17 1XN	MH	
Southampton Mencap		Southampton Mencap 187A Portswood Road, Southampton, SO17 2NF.	LD	
Southampton Special Purpose Workshop		46-48 Clausentum Rd, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 6RZ	LD	Offer social, educational training in a work type environment,
Speaking Space	Speaking Space	Speaking Space, Fleming House, Alma Road, Romsey, Hampshire SO51 8ED	LD	Speaking Space is a day service for adults with a learning disability or autism that focuses on developing independence through using a total communication approach
The Out Of Town Centre		Out Of Town Centre Palace Lane Brockenhurst Hampshire SO42 7YG	not a day centre	
Way Ahead Leisure Pursuits		Shirley Warren Learning Campus	LD	
Windward		Windward Unit 8, Netley March Workshops, Ringwood Road, Netley Marsh Southampton SO40 7GY	LD (6 miles away)	For people with a learning disability two independent centres in Totton and Ringwood
Workmobility		Belvidere Terrace Southampton SO14 5QR	LD	
Hexagon Centre Social Services				Eastleigh
Locksheath Day Services			LD	

