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Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Thursday, 14th September,
2017 at 5.30 pm

PLEASE NOTE TIME OF MEETING

Council Chamber - Civic Centre

This meeting is open to the public

Members

Councillor Fitzhenry (Chair)
Councillor Moulton (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Fuller
Councillor Furnell
Councillor Hannides
Councillor Whitbread
Councillor Murphy
Councillor Coombs

2 Vacancies – Putting People First

Appointed Members

Catherine Hobbs, Roman Catholic Church
Revd. J Williams, The Church of England
(Portsmouth and Winchester Dioceses)
Vacancies

- Primary Parent Governor Representative;
and
- Secondary Parent Governor Representative

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PUBLIC INFORMATION

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee holds the Executive to account, exercises the call-in process, and sets and monitors standards for scrutiny. It formulates a programme of scrutiny inquiries and appoints Scrutiny Panels to undertake them. Members of the Executive cannot serve on this Committee.

Role of Overview and Scrutiny

Overview and Scrutiny includes the following three functions:

- Holding the Executive to account by questioning and evaluating the Executive's actions, both before and after decisions taken.
- Developing and reviewing Council policies, including the Policy Framework and Budget Strategy.
- Making reports and recommendations on any aspect of Council business and other matters that affect the City and its citizens.

Overview and Scrutiny can ask the Executive to reconsider a decision, but they do not have the power to change the decision themselves.

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- Southampton has strong and sustainable economic growth
- Children and young people get a good start in life
- People in Southampton live safe, healthy, independent lives
- Southampton is an attractive modern City, where people are proud to live and work

Procedure / Public Representations

At the discretion of the Chair, members of the public may address the meeting on any report included on the agenda in which they have a relevant interest. Any member of the public wishing to address the meeting should advise the Democratic Support Officer (DSO) whose contact details are on the front sheet of the agenda.

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Dates of Meetings: Municipal Year 2017/18

| 2017 | 2018 |
|--------------|-------------|
| 15 June | 11 January |
| 13 July | 15 February |
| 10 August | 15 March |
| 14 September | 12 April |
| 12 October | |
| 9 November | |
| 14 December | |

CONDUCT OF MEETING

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The general role and terms of reference for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, together with those for all Scrutiny Panels, are set out in Part 2 (Article 6) of the Council's Constitution, and their particular roles are set out in Part 4 (Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules – paragraph 5) of the Constitution.

RULES OF PROCEDURE

The meeting is governed by the Council Procedure Rules and the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the Constitution.

BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

Only those items listed on the attached agenda may be considered at this meeting.

QUORUM

The minimum number of appointed Members required to be in attendance to hold the meeting is 4.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members are required to disclose, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, **both** the existence **and** nature of any "Disclosable Pecuniary Interest" or "Other Interest" they may have in relation to matters for consideration on this Agenda.

DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

A Member must regard himself or herself as having a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter that they or their spouse, partner, a person they are living with as husband or wife, or a person with whom they are living as if they were a civil partner in relation to:

- (i) Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
- (ii) Sponsorship:

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from Southampton City Council) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expense incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

- (iii) Any contract which is made between you / your spouse etc (or a body in which the you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest) and Southampton City Council under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed, and which has not been fully discharged.

- (iv) Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of Southampton.

- (v) Any license (held alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of Southampton for a month or longer.

- (vi) Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) the landlord is Southampton City Council and the tenant is a body in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interests.

- (vii) Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of Southampton, and either:

- a) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body, or
- b) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest that exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

Other Interests

A Member must regard himself or herself as having an, 'Other Interest' in any membership of, or occupation of a position of general control or management in:

Any body to which they have been appointed or nominated by Southampton City Council

Any public authority or body exercising functions of a public nature

Any body directed to charitable purposes

Any body whose principal purpose includes the influence of public opinion or policy

Principles of Decision Making

All decisions of the Council will be made in accordance with the following principles:-

- proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);
- due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;
- respect for human rights;
- a presumption in favour of openness, accountability and transparency;
- setting out what options have been considered;
- setting out reasons for the decision; and
- clarity of aims and desired outcomes.

In exercising discretion, the decision maker must:

- understand the law that regulates the decision making power and gives effect to it. The decision-maker must direct itself properly in law;
- take into account all relevant matters (those matters which the law requires the authority as a matter of legal obligation to take into account);
- leave out of account irrelevant considerations;
- act for a proper purpose, exercising its powers for the public good;
- not reach a decision which no authority acting reasonably could reach, (also known as the "rationality" or "taking leave of your senses" principle);
- comply with the rule that local government finance is to be conducted on an annual basis. Save to the extent authorised by Parliament, 'live now, pay later' and forward funding are unlawful; and
- act with procedural propriety in accordance with the rules of fairness.

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN PANEL MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)

To note any changes in membership of the Panel made in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.3.

2 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS

In accordance with the Localism Act 2011, and the Council's Code of Conduct, Members to disclose any personal or pecuniary interests in any matter included on the agenda for this meeting.

NOTE: Members are reminded that, where applicable, they must complete the appropriate form recording details of any such interests and hand it to the Democratic Support Officer.

3 DECLARATIONS OF SCRUTINY INTEREST

Members are invited to declare any prior participation in any decision taken by a Committee, Sub-Committee, or Panel of the Council on the agenda and being scrutinised at this meeting.

4 DECLARATION OF PARTY POLITICAL WHIP

Members are invited to declare the application of any party political whip on any matter on the agenda and being scrutinised at this meeting.

5 STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

6 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)

(Pages 1 - 8)

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 10th August 2017 and the final meeting of the Scrutiny Inquiry-Combating Loneliness in Southampton on 2nd March 2017 to deal with any matters arising.

7 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF KENTISH ROAD RESPITE SERVICE

(Pages 9 - 14)

Report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Adult Care providing an update on the proposed closure of the respite service at Kentish Road as previously considered and agreed by Cabinet.

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Agenda Item 6

Minutes:

Scrutiny Inquiry Panel – Combating Loneliness in Southampton –
2nd March, 2017

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee –
10th August, 2017

SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL - COMBATING LONELINESS IN SOUTHAMPTON
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 MARCH 2017

Present: Councillors Furnell (Chair), Coombs (Vice-Chair), Burke, Murphy, Parnell and T Thomas

Apologies: Councillor Laurent

11. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meetings held on 8th December 2016 and 19th January 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.

12. **COMBATING LONELINESS IN SOUTHAMPTON - DRAFT FINAL REPORT**

The Panel considered the report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance recommending that the Panel discuss, amend and approve a final version of the Combating Loneliness Inquiry report.

RESOLVED that the Panel agreed the final version of the report with the following additional recommendation:

- To enable effective monitoring of progress it is appropriate that a mechanism is developed by which success in combating loneliness can be measured against.

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 AUGUST 2017

Present: Councillors Fitzhenry (Chair), Moulton (Vice-Chair), Fuller, Furnell, Murphy and Whitbread

Apologies: Catherine Hobbs and Councillors Hannides, Morrell, T Thomas and Coombs

16. **APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN PANEL MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)**

The Committee noted the apologies of Catherine Hobbs, Councillor Coombs, Hannides, Morrell and T Thomas. The Committee also noted that following receipt of the temporary resignation of Councillor Coombs from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, the Service Director, Legal and Governance, acting under delegated powers, had appointed Councillor Blatchford to replace her for the purposes of this meeting.

17. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (INCLUDING MATTERS ARISING)**

RESOLVED that the minutes for the meeting held on 13th July, 2017 be approved and signed as correct record.

18. **TOWER BLOCK SAFETY**

The Committee considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Housing and Adult Care providing an update on the steps being taken by the Council, with Hampshire Fire and Rescue and the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Resilience Forum, to provide assurance that the Council's 20 residential high-rise buildings are safe, following the tragic events at Grenfell Tower in London on 14th June, 2017.

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Adult Care, representatives from Hampshire Fire and Rescue and local residents were present and with the consent of the Chair addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the timetable and milestones for the installation of sprinkler systems across the Council's 20 high rise buildings are circulated to the Committee;
- (ii) That, factoring in the fire risks identified, the Committee are provided with the priority order for the installation of sprinkler systems within the Council's high rise buildings;
- (iii) That the Committee are provided with information on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) borrowing cap and the existing level of borrowing for the HRA;

- (iv) That the Cabinet Member outlines to the Committee the funding options that the Administration are considering to enable the installation of sprinkler systems if no Government funding is forthcoming;
- (v) That the Cabinet Member write to the Communities and Local Government Secretary / Housing Minister requesting authorisation to extend the HRA borrowing cap to enable sprinkler systems to be installed in each of the Council's high rise buildings as soon as possible;
- (vi) That the Administration adopts the policy position that it will go ahead with the installation of sprinkler systems in all Council owned high rise buildings regardless of the Government's funding decision;
- (vii) That details are provided to the Committee on:
 - The number of flats within the Council's high rise buildings that still have a gas supply
 - The timescales being worked to for the disconnection of the gas supply to these properties
- (viii) That the Committee are provided with:
 - A summary of the emergency planning scenarios and outcomes
 - Specific examples of emergency planning scenarios
- (ix) That the Service Lead, Council Housing and Neighbourhoods responds directly to the concerns of the tenants representative relating to the consultation with residents and the accessibility of the communications provided.

19. **FORWARD PLAN - LOCAL AUTHORITY TRADING COMPANY FOR SOME LOCAL SERVICES**

The Committee considered the report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance detailing the LATCo for Some Council Services decision on the current Forward Plan.

The Leader of the Council was present and with the consent of the Chair addressed the meeting.

RESOLVED that the Leader circulates to the Committee the timescales and milestones for the establishment of the LATCo and when services would begin to trade commercially.

20. **REDUCING DRUG RELATED LITTER - SCRUTINY INQUIRY TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Committee considered the report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance requesting that the Committee agree the terms of reference for a scrutiny inquiry examining reducing drug related litter in Southampton.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that the draft terms of reference for the scrutiny inquiry be approved; and

- (ii) that authority be delegated to the Service Director, Legal and Governance, in consultation with the Chair of the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel, to finalise the inquiry plan.

21. **MONITORING SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE**

The Committee received and noted the report of the Service Director, Legal and Governance detailing the actions of the Executive and monitoring progress of the recommendations of the Committee.

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| DECISION-MAKER: | OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE | | |
| SUBJECT: | PROPOSED CLOSURE OF KENTISH ROAD RESPITE SERVICE | | |
| DATE OF DECISION: | 14 SEPTEMBER 2017 | | |
| REPORT OF: | CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND ADULT CARE | | |
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| STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY | |
| Not applicable | |
| BRIEF SUMMARY | |
| This paper provides an update on the proposed closure of the respite service at Kentish Road as previously considered and agreed by Cabinet. | |
| RECOMMENDATIONS: | |
| | (i) That the Committee notes the arrangements being made to support people to take up suitable alternatives to Kentish Road in advance of its proposed closure. |
| REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS | |
| 1. | The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee has requested an update on the proposed closure of the Kentish Road respite service, with specific reference to how the needs of those who currently use this service, and their carers, will be met. |
| ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED | |
| 2. | No alternative options have been considered and rejected in relation to this report as its intention is to update members on the current position. |
| DETAIL (Including consultation carried out) | |
| 3. | Kentish Road is an eight-bed unit providing residential respite care for individuals living with a learning disability. Cabinet resolved on 20 January 2015 to close the service, subject to the completion of a care and support assessment and identification of a suitable alternative for everyone who used the service at the time of the decision. On 15 September 2015, Cabinet resolved to postpone the implementation of its earlier decision to close the service. Background papers associated with the proposed closure are listed below. |

| 4. | At every stage, the council has recognised the importance of respite arrangements in meeting individual assessed needs and for supporting carers but, following a full public consultation in 2014, decided to close Kentish Road, as this model of service provision is not leading to the best outcomes for individuals and does not make the best use of financial resources. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 5. | At the time of the decision in 2015, 71 people were receiving respite care at Kentish Road. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. | <p>Subsequent to the decision, all of these individuals' needs have been assessed by social work practitioners in accordance with the Care Act 2014 and the alternative respite arrangements identified are set out in figure 1 below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="416 645 1307 1272"> <thead> <tr> <th>Alternative identified following assessment</th> <th>Number</th> <th>%</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Residential respite (five providers)</td> <td>35</td> <td>49</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No ongoing need for respite</td> <td>12</td> <td>17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shared Lives (respite)</td> <td>10</td> <td>14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Supported living (permanent placement)</td> <td>4</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Residential care (permanent placement)</td> <td>4</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Direct payment</td> <td>3</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shared Lives (permanent placement)</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pending acceptance by residential respite provider</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Not applicable (deceased)</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>71</td> <td>99</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Figure 1: Breakdown of alternatives for individuals using Kentish Road at the time of the decision in January 2015</i></p> | Alternative identified following assessment | Number | % | Residential respite (five providers) | 35 | 49 | No ongoing need for respite | 12 | 17 | Shared Lives (respite) | 10 | 14 | Supported living (permanent placement) | 4 | 6 | Residential care (permanent placement) | 4 | 6 | Direct payment | 3 | 4 | Shared Lives (permanent placement) | 1 | 1 | Pending acceptance by residential respite provider | 1 | 1 | Not applicable (deceased) | 1 | 1 | Total | 71 | 99 |
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| Total | 71 | 99 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. | <p>Information about the number of individuals who have been supported to transition to an alternative or have stopped using respite care following their assessment is given in figure 2 below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="416 1503 1307 1957"> <thead> <tr> <th>Transition status</th> <th>Number</th> <th>%</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Still using Kentish Road but suitable alternatives offered</td> <td>35</td> <td>49</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Completed transition to alternative or respite no longer needed</td> <td>32</td> <td>45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transition ongoing</td> <td>2</td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transition not possible due to hospital admission</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Not applicable</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>71</td> <td>99</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Figure 2: Breakdown of individuals who have transitioned to alternatives or respite no longer needed</i></p> | Transition status | Number | % | Still using Kentish Road but suitable alternatives offered | 35 | 49 | Completed transition to alternative or respite no longer needed | 32 | 45 | Transition ongoing | 2 | 3 | Transition not possible due to hospital admission | 1 | 1 | Not applicable | 1 | 1 | Total | 71 | 99 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Total | 71 | 99 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 8. | During August 2017, 26 individuals accessed the service. A total of 126 bed nights were utilised, out of a total of 248 available (an occupancy rate of 51%). August is historically the busiest time of the year for the service. The occupancy rate earlier in the year (March to May) was 43%. |
| 9. | Since the decision was taken in 2015 to close Kentish Road, the Integrated Commissioning Unit (ICU) has led work to ensure appropriate alternative local residential respite provision. For example, additional capacity has been secured at the Bradbury Centre (Rose Road Association), enabling significant blocks of respite care to be booked in advance and to enable a response to short term and emergency demands for respite. In addition, a range of smaller providers have been identified as being appropriate to meet other individuals' needs. In July 2017, a meeting took place with the Minstead Trust to discuss its availability to provide respite at Minstead Lodge. This includes a ten-bed residential unit which had three vacancies which could be used for respite stays. Costs were negotiated and this provision is now available to use. The residential unit is currently rated 'outstanding' by the Care Quality Commission (the national regulatory body for care). |
| 10. | A new supported respite service is being developed by Way Ahead (a local provider of day services for people living with a learning disability), which makes use of the recently modernised three-bed adapted property in the council-owned Weston Court scheme. This will be available from September 2017 and will have capacity for around 900 nights per year. The service will offer planned respite stays which focus on independence and skills development with the individual, families and their carers. It will also be able to provide some emergency respite care. The supported respite model commissioned will also help to support individuals who are in the process of moving from their family home, to provide targeted support to help individuals achieve personal goals and to make use of the excellent opportunities to identify and test care technology options, to support independence and skills development for individuals, whenever appropriate. The ICU has evidence of Way Ahead's proven ability to provide safe, high quality day services and is working with the provider to extend this into overnight respite at Weston Court. An Open Day for the new scheme at Weston Court is being held on 14 September 2017. This scheme has been identified as being a suitable alternative residential respite placement for 23 individuals. |
| 11. | Direct payments have, wherever appropriate, been offered as an alternative to individuals and three people have taken these up. Statutory guidance issued under the Care Act 2014 supports the wider use of direct payments. These direct payments have been used to fund Personal Assistants and/or short breaks. Social work practitioners will continue to explore the potential for direct payments when care and support needs are next reviewed, as these can give more choice and control for individuals, their families and carers. The council has a target and action plan to significantly increase the number of individuals whose care is funded by a direct payment. |
| 12. | Feedback from individuals who have transitioned to receiving respite care with a Shared Lives carer has been very positive to date. |

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| 13. | Funds from the Improved Better Care Fund are being invested into the council's out of hours adult social care service, to ensure that emergency arrangements can be made out of hours for people with a learning disability, in line with the arrangements for people in other care groups. |
| 14. | A letter was sent to families and carers of individuals using Kentish Road on 27 April 2017 giving notice that the scheme would close on 31 October 2017. |
| 15. | Furthermore, there has been a reduction in service at Kentish Road from 4 September 2017, because of staff shortages. Staff numbers at Kentish Road are depleted due to a variety of reasons such as leave and sickness, and agency care staff are being used where necessary and appropriate. However, there is a minimum requirement of one member of council staff to be on each shift and to act as the shift leader. Even after taking account of staff at other bases, there have been insufficient shift leaders to sustain a safe level of supervision and care every day and night from 4 September. As members will be aware safety of clients is the prerequisite. Weekends are the busiest for bookings and it has been possible to maintain a safe level of service at weekends with the current staff complement. The decision was made to offer a reduced service on 24 August 2017 and families of the three individuals with mid-week bookings were contacted on that date to discuss alternative arrangements. The impact on carers' and families' arrangements at short notice is acknowledged and officers have apologised for the significant inconvenience that this has caused in some cases. The families of a further 11 individuals were also contacted to make minor amendments to their planned stays in September. The staffing situation is being kept under review and it has now also been possible to offer safe levels of care and support on 20 and 21 September, as well as at weekends (Friday to Monday). Formal notice of the reduction in service has been given to the Care Quality Commission (CQC), which has supported the council's decision, in the circumstances. |
| 16. | The last booking at Kentish Road is for the night of 24 September 2017 and priority for bookings for weekends in October is being given to individuals who are transitioning to their alternative respite arrangements. |
| 17. | The council has not been approached by any organisation wishing to explore the potential for taking over and continuing to provide the current service at Kentish Road. |

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

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| 18. | The Medium Term Financial Strategy contains a saving of £300,000 per year associated with the closure of the Kentish Road respite service and the reprovision of alternative respite care. Accounting for the closure date of 31 October 2017, part of this saving will be achieved in 2017/18. |
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Property/Other

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| 19. | Following the closure, the council's Capital Assets Team will carry out a full appraisal of the buildings and site to inform options for their future use or disposal. Equally no decision has been made on the site's future use. |
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| LEGAL IMPLICATIONS | |
| Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report: | |
| 20. | The statutory powers are set out in full in the background papers listed below. |
| Other Legal Implications: | |
| 21. | The other legal implications are set out in full in the background papers listed below. |
| RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS | |
| 22. | The recent decision to reduce hours of operation because of unscheduled staff absences, set out in paragraph 15, was taken to ensure safe operation of the scheme pending its closure. This will be kept under review. The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is the regulatory body for residential placements and the Shared Lives scheme. The Integrated Commissioning Unit (ICU) has a Quality and Safeguarding Team which also monitors the quality of externally commissioned and internal care and support services. |
| POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS | |
| 23. | This supports the council's key outcome of supporting people in Southampton to live safe, healthy, independent lives. |

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| KEY DECISION? | No |
| WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED: | None |
| <u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u> | |
| Appendices | |
| 1. | None |
| Documents In Members' Rooms | |
| 1. | None |
| Equality Impact Assessment | |
| Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out. | No |
| Privacy Impact Assessment | |
| Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out. | No |
| Other Background Documents | |
| Other Background documents available for inspection at: | |
| 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. | <p>Cabinet Minutes</p> <p>a. 15 July 2014 http://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=743</p> <p>b. 16 December 2014 http://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=778</p> <p>c. 20 January 2015 http://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=786</p> <p>d. 15 September 2015 http://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=829</p> | Not applicable |
| 2. | <p>Reports to Cabinet</p> <p>a. 15 July 2014 http://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/documents/s21947/Adult%20Social%20Care%20Provider%20Services%20-%20RPT.pdf</p> <p>b. 16 December 2014 http://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/mgAi.aspx?ID=12386#mgDocuments (item 49 refers, 11 documents)</p> <p>c. 20 January 2015 http://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=126&MId=2845&Ver=4 (items 51 and 52 refer)</p> <p>d. 15 September 2015 http://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=126&MId=3053&Ver=4 (item 14 refers)</p> | Not applicable |
| 3. | <p>Report to Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee</p> <p>a. 4 December 2014 http://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=123&MId=3040&Ver=4 (item 32 refers)</p> | Not applicable |