

Health and Social Care Select Committee

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Strategic Budget Options – Housing Related Support, Local Assistance Network (LAN) and Minimum Income Guarantee

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Summary

At its meeting on 27 September 2018, the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee considered draft Cabinet Member decision reports regarding proposals relating to the County Council's investment in housing related support contracts, the Local Assistance Network (LAN) and the Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG) which is the level of support the County Council provides to people receiving local authority-arranged care and support, other than in a care home, to retain a certain level of income to cover their living costs. The Committee provided comment to the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health regarding the process for engagement with stakeholders on the proposals. The Committee asked that the Cabinet Member ensure that all those who would be affected by the proposals had the opportunity to engage in a consultation process, including strategic partners, and that the Committee should receive evidence from a variety of stakeholders at its next meeting, following the end of the consultation period.

A period of engagement ran from 1 October to 3 December 2018 to inform final proposals, which are attached to this report as draft Cabinet Member decision reports.

The focus for scrutiny

The Committee is asked to consider the attached draft Cabinet Member decision reports and provide comment to the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health prior the formal decisions being taken later in December 2018. Members are invited to note the possible areas of focus set out in paragraph 4.1.

Proposal

1. Background and Context

- 1.1 A number of strategic budget options were published in the West Sussex Forward Plan of Key Decisions on 27 August 2018. These proposals reflected the current financial challenges faced by the County Council and are part of budget process 2019/20.
- 1.2 At its meeting on 27 September 2018, the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC) considered draft Cabinet Member decision reports regarding these proposals, as well as the process for engagement with stakeholders.

- 1.3 The HASC considered issues relating to the planned engagement process in terms of timing, stakeholders to be engaged, process for member engagement, how engagement should be carried out, how information gathered would be analysed and reported and how it would inform the final funding decisions. The Committee recommended that;
- All service users likely to be impacted by the proposals should have the opportunity to be consulted,
 - Members of HASC should have the opportunity to receive evidence prior to and at the next meeting, where practical, from different providers, voluntary sector organisations, service users, local authorities, NHS including CCGs and the Police, and
 - Members of the Children and Young People's Services Select Committee and the Chairman of the Corporate Parenting Panel should be invited to the next HASC meeting to help take into account any cross cutting issues.
- 1.4 In regard to the MIG, the HASC recommended that the County Council should seek evidence from service users who would be impacted by the proposals; highlighted the importance of advocacy for the groups subject to this consultation and asked that voluntary groups are included in the consultation to provide any additional information.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 The details for each of the proposed decisions to review the County Council's investment in housing related support contracts and the LAN and the County Council's agreed level of MIG are set out in the draft decision reports attached as item 6a, 6b and 6c.

3. Resources

- 3.1 Each of the draft Cabinet Member decision reports set out their resource implications.

Factors taken into account

4. Issues for consideration by the Select Committee

- 4.1 The HASC is asked consider the attached draft Cabinet Member decision reports, which have been informed by a period of engagement with stakeholders. Issues members may wish to explore include;
- a) The effectiveness of the consultation/engagement process with stakeholders and service users,
 - b) What the consultation analysis tells us and how it should inform the decision-making process. How have responses differed (e.g. service users, service providers, district/borough councils),
 - c) The County Council's statutory responsibilities and those of partners and other agencies, and how these have informed the proposals,

- d) What impact assessment has been carried out and any planned mitigations, bearing in mind the Council's public sector equality duty and other responsibilities identified in the decision reports,
- e) Timetable for delivery of proposals,
- f) Plans to monitor the impact of the proposals to include service users, their families and carers and current service providers, and
- g) Plans for future partnership working with strategic partners

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Proposals have been published in the County Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions and each of the draft Cabinet Member reports sets out the methodology and process of engagement with stakeholders and elected members.

6. Risk Management Implications/Other Options Considered/Equality Duty/Social Value/Crime Disorder Implications/Human Rights Implications

- 6.1 These sub headings are addressed in each of the individual draft Cabinet Member decision reports for housing relation support, Local Assistance Network (LAN) and Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG) for Working Age Adults.

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