
13 December 2018

Amanda Jupp, Cabinet Member for Adults and Health

SENT VIA E-MAIL

Dear Amanda,

Strategic Budget Options 2019/20

Thank you for your attendance at the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee meeting on 12 December, where the Committee discussed the draft proposals relating to Adults' Services Strategic Budget Options 2019/20, including housing related support, the local assistance network and the minimum income guarantee for working age adults.

Please see below the recommendations of the Committee on this subject:-

a) Housing Related Support/Local Assistance Network:

The Health and Adult Social Care Committee requests that the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health:-

- i. Has a moratorium of up to twelve months, to the end of March 2020, in order to have the best chance to remodel and preserve services and therefore not reduce funding in 2019/20 in regard to both housing related support and the local assistance network
- ii. Identifies and engages with other stakeholders that could have a positive impact on housing support
- iii. Supports the creation of an officer working group with representatives from West Sussex County Council and each of the housing authorities (district and borough councils) to look at how joint efficiencies can be sought, provision remodelled and what alternative funding streams could be identified and made available, including from other agencies, to include the development of an holistic homelessness strategy for West Sussex
- iv. Considers, with the housing authorities and associations, the overlapping geography that occurs to determine any efficiencies across areas of West Sussex, rather than solely housing authority boundaries
- v. Provides detail of the impact these proposed cuts will have on West Sussex County Council's internal budgets, particularly in relation to Adult Social Care and Children's Services statutory obligations, and how it intends to discharge those duties in the absence of supported housing funding to local providers
- vi. Provides details of proposals moving forward to a future meeting of the Committee which will include an invitation to members of the Children & Young People's Services Select Committee.

b) Minimum Income Guarantee

The Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee welcomes the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health's assurance that the financial assessment service will be reviewed, in response to comments received throughout the consultation and that work will continue with local businesses, as referred to by the Chairman, to improve job opportunities for working age adults with learning disabilities, and asks that if the proposal is to be taken forward that the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health considers a transition period for existing claimants and continues to lobby government regarding future funding for adult social care.

Please could you respond to these recommendations by 7 January 2019 so that they can be included with papers for the Committee's next meeting on 16 January 2019.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BY', followed by a long, horizontal, wavy flourish.

Mr Bryan Turner, Chairman, Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee