

Health and Social Care Select Committee
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Strategic Budget Options – Housing Related Support, Local Assistance Network (LAN) ,Minimum Income Guarantee and Adult In-house Social Care Services
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Summary

A number of strategic budget options were published in the West Sussex Forward Plan of Key Decisions on 27 August 2018. These proposed decisions reflect the current financial challenges faced by the County Council and are part of the budget process for 2019/20. The Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC) Business Planning Group agreed that these proposals should be scrutinised by the Committee.

The proposals subject to scrutiny include the review of the County Council’s investment in housing related support contracts, the Local Assistance Network (LAN) ,the Minimum Income Guarantee, or MIG (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) and the future model and configuration of Adults’ In-house social care provision in West Sussex. Draft Cabinet Member decision reports for these proposals are attached to this cover report.

The focus for scrutiny

The HASC is asked consider the attached draft Cabinet Member decision reports relating to housing related support, Local Assistance Network (LAN) and Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG) for Working Age Adults, which set out the current services provided by the County Council, levels of funding and areas of statutory and discretionary responsibilities. The Committee is asked to note that these decisions are to launch a period of engagement with stakeholders and identify any factors which should be addressed as part of this engagement, which once complete will inform further Cabinet Member decisions in December 2018.

In regard to the future model and configuration of Adults’ In-house social care provision in West Sussex, the Committee is asked to consider the draft Cabinet Member decision report, in light of the results of the engagement exercise and service response and provide additional comment, if necessary, to the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health for consideration prior to a planned formal decision in October 2018.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Consider the three draft Cabinet Member decision reports regarding housing related support, Local Assistance Network (LAN) and Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG) for Working Age Adults and provide comment to the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health regarding the process for engagement with stakeholders ;
- (2) Request that it has the opportunity to consider the results of the engagement, as part of further scrutiny of these proposals, considering who should be invited as external witnesses, as part of the decision-making process in December 2018; and
- (3) Provide any additional comment regarding the future model and configuration of Adults' In-house social care provision in West Sussex, further to the Committees previous recommendations, to the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health for consideration prior to a planned formal decision in October 2018

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 decisions reflect the current financial challenges faced by the County Council and are part of budget process 2019/20. The Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC) Business Planning Group agreed virtually that proposals that were within the remit of the HASC should be previewed prior to a Cabinet Member decision.
- 2.2 Proposals relating to the development of the County Council's in-house social care provision were included as part of the strategic budget options, however these proposals are more developed as an engagement exercise has already been undertaken. These proposals were scrutinised by HASC at its last meeting on 22 June 2018. A draft Cabinet Member decision report is attached to the agenda (item 6d) for the Committee to consider, which includes the outcome of the engagement, as this information was not available at its last meeting. This main focus of this cover report refers to items 6a, 6b and 6c as an engagement exercise is yet to begin on these proposals.

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 Local Assistance Network (LAN) and the County Council's agreed level of Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG) is set out in the draft decision reports attached as item 6a, 6b and 6c.
- 2.2 The HASC is asked to note that the proposals included in Cabinet Member decision reports to be published in September, are to launch a period of engagement with stakeholders to focus on the impact on users, communities, service providers and partners and this will then provide the information

required to carry out an impact assessment on the proposals, which will inform a further Cabinet Member decision in December 2018.

- 2.3 The details of the proposed future model and configuration of Adults' In-house social care provision in West Sussex are set out in the draft decision report attached as item 6d.

3. Resources

- 3.1 Each of the draft Cabinet Member reports set out the resource implications for the housing related support, Local Assistance Network (LAN) Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG) for Working Age Adults proposals and in-house social care provision.

Factors taken into account

4. Issues for consideration by the Select Committee

Housing related support, Local Assistance Network (LAN) and Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG) for Working Age Adults

- 4.1 The HASC is asked to consider the attached draft Cabinet Member decision reports which set out the current services provided by the County Council, levels of funding and areas of statutory and discretionary responsibilities. The Committee is asked to note that these decisions are to launch a period of engagement with stakeholders and is asked to identify any factors which should be addressed as part of this engagement, which once complete will inform further Cabinet Member decisions in December 2018. Issues members may wish to explore include:
 - a) The timing of the engagement process
 - b) The stakeholders to be engaged
 - c) The process for member engagement
 - d) How the engagement will be carried out
 - e) How information will be analysed and reported, and how it will inform the final funding decisions
- 4.2 HASC will have the opportunity to scrutinise the outcome of the engagement exercises for housing related support, LAN and MIG prior to the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health's proposed final decisions in December 2018. This will be scheduled for the HASC's next planned meeting on 15 November 2018 or by using the HASC project day on 30 November 2018 as an additional meeting. The HASC Business Planning Group will be asked to agree the final timing of HASCs scrutiny of these decisions.

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- 4.3 HASC considered the proposals for the future model and configuration of Adults' In-house social care provision in West Sussex at its last meeting on 22 June 2018. At that time, a full analysis of an engagement exercise regarding the proposals was not available for the Committee to consider. This analysis has since been published which has informed the draft Cabinet Member decision report. HASC is asked to consider the draft Cabinet

Member decision report in light of the results of the engagement exercise and service response and provide additional comment if necessary to the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health for consideration prior to a planned formal decision in October 2018.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Proposals have been published in the County Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions so the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health has begun to receive representations, which will be taken into consideration as part of engagement period.
- 5.2 Each of the draft Cabinet Member reports set out the proposed methodology and timing of engagement with stakeholders. It is this planned engagement that HASC is being asked to comment on prior to a Cabinet Member decision in September.
- 5.3 The results of the engagement with stakeholders, to inform the future model and configuration of Adults' In-house social care provision in West Sussex, is included and attached to the draft Cabinet Member decision report attached at item 6d.

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

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

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