

## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 17 October 2017

**Decision No:** (CAB 17/18 19497)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	HOUSING AND ADULT CARE
SUBJECT:	REDESIGN OF OLDER PERSONS DAY CARE SERVICES (AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW OFFER OF SUPPORT AND ACTIVITIES FOR SOUTHAMPTON CITY RESIDENTS)
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### THE DECISION

- (i) To note the feedback from the engagement with current day care service users, their carers, service providers and wider services and residents.
- (ii) To approve the proposals in this report to develop a new model of activities and day time support across the city to help people maintain their health, wellbeing and independence.
- (iii) To approve the recommendation to proceed with a procurement to deliver the new service model, which over time will transform the current traditional model of day centre provision for older people in Southampton.
- (iv) To delegate authority to the Director of Quality and Integration, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Adult Care to decide on the final model of commissioned services and all decision making in relation to this procurement.

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. The over 65 population makes up 14% of the Southampton population (34,600 people) and is set to grow more than any other age group, increasing by 15% between 2015 and 2021 (to 39,800 people), with the over 85 population set to increase by over 20%.
2. As people get older they are more likely to have health problems that limit their day to day activities and impact on their independence. Furthermore there is evidence that the prevalence of depression increases with age. It has been estimated by the Scrutiny Inquiry on Combating Loneliness in Southampton (2017) that 5,482 people aged 65 and over are experiencing loneliness. Evidence shows that loneliness can have serious consequences and negative impacts at both a personal and community level. It can cause and, at times, worsen existing personal problems (psychological, social, and behavioural) and community issues (fewer social connections, lack of confidence to leave the home).

3. Given the changing demographics and increasing demand, it is important that the health and care system in and around Southampton adapts to meet the changing and growing needs of the population and has a focus on promoting healthy ageing. The Southampton Health and Wellbeing Strategy notes that there is a clear need to empower people to stay well.
4. Current day care provision is a traditional basic range of activities and personal care. Services are provided under block contract with limited flexibility for individuals. The current day care service contracts, which are with Social Care in Action (SCA) and Age UK, expire on 31 March 2018 providing an opportunity to review the current model.
5. The new model has been developed through a process of co-production and engagement with current day care users, their carers, service providers and wider services. It will improve outcomes by focusing on giving people more choice and control over the support and services they are able to access thereby promoting independence, utilising direct payments to offer more personalised forms of care and will promote the ethos of early intervention and prevention by broadening the offer to more people and maximising the use of community assets. It will encourage independence and community resilience.

#### **DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

In considering the future procurement of older person's day care provision, a number of alternative options were considered. These included:

- To re-commission the day care services as is (this would still require a procurement as contracts end on 31 March 2018)

This option is not recommended because it does not respond to increasing demand and the need to broaden the offer to also focus on early intervention; it does not offer greater choice for people; and it does not promote people's independence.

- To decommission day services entirely and provide current and future service users (on the basis of assessed need) with a direct payment to purchase their own support and care from the market.

This option is not recommended as the market does not currently offer sufficient choice and capacity to meet the needs of all current service users. There would therefore be a strong likelihood that this option would increase pressure on already over-stretched social care provision e.g. domiciliary care.

#### **OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None.

#### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD**

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 17 October 2017

Decision Maker:  
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:  
Pat Wood

**SCRUTINY**

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*