

SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING

RECORD OF THE DECISION MAKING HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2014

Present:

Councillor Letts	Leader of the Council
Councillor Barnes-Andrews	Cabinet Member for Resources and Leisure
Councillor Jeffery	Cabinet Member for Education and Change
Councillor Chaloner	Cabinet Member for Children's Safeguarding
Councillor Kaur	Cabinet Member for Communities
Councillor Rayment	Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport
Councillor Payne	Cabinet Member for Housing and Sustainability

Apologies: Councillor Shields

48. FUTURE OF DAY SERVICES IN SOUTHAMPTON

DECISION MADE: (Ref: CAB 14/15 13739)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care and having received representations from parent carers, Southampton MENCAP, other interested organisations, Members of the Council and having taken into consideration recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, Cabinet agreed the following modified recommendations:

- (i) To consider the responses received during a public consultation into the future of Southampton Day Services conducted between 24 July and 23 October 2014, outlined in Appendix 1.
- (ii) To authorise the restructured Southampton Day Services service to cease service delivery out of two centres, (St Denys and Freemantle) and all satellite bases when all of their current service users have been supported to move to suitable alternative care settings and to restructure the remaining service to provide an alternative model of delivery that is fit for the future needs of Southampton residents and users.
- (iii) To note that the needs of current service users and their carers will be thoroughly assessed prior to and following their moves to ensure that these needs continue to be met and to reduce any impact on their wellbeing.
- (iv) To note that if the proposal is agreed to undertake a 45 day consultation with affected staff with a view to minimising or avoiding compulsory redundancies.
- (v) To note that a further review may be required into alternative delivery models following a restructure.
- (vi) To delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care following consultation with the Leader and the Director, People to do anything necessary to give effect to the proposals in this report.
- (vii) To approve the establishment of a dedicated team of experienced social work practitioners (from existing resources) to complete a thorough assessment of the

needs of all individuals who currently receive a directly provided day and, or, respite service and that the anticipated outcome of these assessments will be:

- (a) The individual will be deemed not to have eligible social care needs and so will be signposted to access universal or other appropriate services or support;
  - (b) The individual or their representative will choose to receive a Direct Payment and will use this to purchase the care and support needed to meet their eligible social care needs; or
  - (c) The council will commission the care and support needed to meet an individual's eligible social care needs on their behalf.
  - (d) The council will then seek to carry out an annual assessment of individuals' and carers' needs.
- (viii) To note that it is anticipated that the assessments will be completed by 28 February 2015.
  - (ix) To note that no service will be closed or withdrawn until all assessments have been completed and individuals with eligible social care needs have been supported to move to suitable alternatives.
  - (x) To require a progress report at the Cabinet meeting in March 2015.
  - (xi) To note that the commissioning of any new service will involve engagement with service users and carers.
  - (xii) To authorise support for those service users and their carers (who need it) wishing to take a Direct Payment, provided either by the council or a contracted third party.

49. FUTURE OF THE RESPITE SERVICE FOR ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES  
DECISION MADE: (Ref: CAB 14/15 13741)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care and having received representations from parent carers, Southampton MENCAP, other interested organisations, Members of the Council and having taken into consideration recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, Cabinet agreed the following modified recommendations:

- (i) To consider the responses received during a public consultation into the future of respite services for adults with learning disabilities conducted between 24 July and 23 October 2014, outlined in Appendix 1.
- (ii) To note the intention to move the provision of respite care towards individual packages of care that make increased use of direct payments through a range of alternative options including shared lives and short breaks.
- (iii) To note that the needs of current service users will be thoroughly reviewed prior to and following their moves to ensure that these needs continue to be met and to reduce any impact on their wellbeing.
- (iv) To authorise a phased closure of Kentish Road beginning with supporting clients with lower needs, followed by those with higher needs to access alternative respite options with a clear focus on more personalised support being accessed and resulting in the eventual total closure of the Kentish Road service by April 2015.
- (v) If the proposals are agreed to undertake a 45 day consultation with affected staff with a view to minimising or avoiding compulsory redundancies.

- (vi) To delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care following consultation with the Leader and Director, People to do anything necessary to give effect to the proposals in this report.
- (vii) To approve the establishment of a dedicated team of experienced social work practitioners (from existing resources) to complete a thorough review of the needs of all individuals who currently receive a directly provided day and, or, respite service and that the anticipated outcome of these reviews will be:
  - (a) The individual will be deemed not to have eligible social care needs and so will be signposted to access universal or other appropriate services or support;
  - (b) The individual or their representative will choose to receive a Direct Payment and will use this to purchase the care and support needed to meet their eligible social care needs; or
  - (c) The council will commission the care and support needed to meet an individual's eligible social care needs on their behalf.
- (viii) To note that it is anticipated that the reviews will be completed by 28 February 2015.
- (ix) To note that no service will be closed or withdrawn until all reviews have been completed and individuals with eligible social care needs have been supported to move to suitable alternatives.
- (x) To require a progress report at the Cabinet meeting in March 2015.

#### 50. FUTURE OF WOODSIDE LODGE RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME

DECISION MADE: (Ref: CAB 14/15 13737)

On consideration of the report of the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care, and having received representations from residents relative and an interested organisation, Cabinet agreed the following:

- (i) To consider the responses received during a public consultation into the future of Woodside Lodge conducted between 24 July and 23 October 2014, outlined in Appendix 1.
- (ii) To close Woodside Lodge when all of its current residents have been supported to move to suitable alternative care settings.
- (iii) To note that the needs of current residents will be thoroughly reviewed prior to and following their moves to ensure that these needs continue to be met and to minimise any impact on their wellbeing.
- (iv) If the proposals are agreed to undertake a 45 day consultation with affected staff with a view to minimising or avoiding compulsory redundancies.
- (v) To note that a full appraisal of the buildings and site will be commissioned to inform options for their future use or disposal.
- (vi) To delegate authority to the Director, People following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care to do anything necessary to give effect to the proposals in this report.