

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	CABINET
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	APPROVAL TO GRANT DELEGATED POWERS TO OFFICERS AND MEMBERS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE RECENT NHS WHITE PAPER
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	20 DECEMBER 2010
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH
<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>	
N/A	

### **BRIEF SUMMARY**

In July 2010, the new coalition Government published the NHS White Paper – Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS which identified proposals for far reaching changes to the NHS and the wider health and social care economy. This has been supplemented by ‘A Vision for Adult Social Care: Capable Communities and Active Citizens’. The purpose of this report is to delegate authority to officers and members to take certain decisions in relation to delivering better outcomes to local people within the new frameworks of the two NHS White Papers, in the context that the Council has already agreed a joint framework for closer and integrated working between the Council and NHS Southampton City.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- (i) To delegate to the Executive Director for Health and Adult Social Care, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health, authority to take any decision and/or develop approaches that commit Council resources that are within budget and policy to deliver better outcomes for local people and support the aims of the NHS White Paper – Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS.

### **REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Health and Social Care services in the City will be the subject of significant change over the next few years under the proposals set out in the NHS White Papers and the new Vision for Social Care. The Adult Social Care and Health portfolio will be central to ensuring that the needs of local people are met and better outcomes delivered.
2. In November 2009, Cabinet delegated to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health, powers to take all decisions with regard to matters concerning the portfolio that fall to be considered by a Joint Strategic Board which is now in place. This Board, or its successor, will oversee strategic developments and commissioning intentions across NHS Southampton City and Southampton City Council for Health and Adult Social Care. The proposed recommendation to Cabinet underpins already delegated powers and will give the Executive Director the flexibility to make decisions after consultation with the Cabinet Member and the Chief Executive of NHS Southampton.

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

3. The alternative would be to reserve any significant and Key Decision to the Cabinet to resolve. This is not considered to be flexible enough to react to the White Paper and the possible changes required.

### **DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)**

4. A formal partnership response was submitted to the consultation proposals outlined in the NHS White Paper after a series of consultation events attended by staff and partners across organisations. The response details a number of challenges and issues that both Southampton City Council and NHS Southampton would like the Coalition to consider prior to progressing the objectives identified within the White Paper. The full response is included as Appendix A of this report.
5. The White Papers identifies the coalition Government's priorities for Health which
  - Puts patients at the heart of everything we do.
  - Focuses the NHS on achieving continuously improving outcomes (results).
  - Empowers clinicians to deliver improvements.
  - Prioritises prevention with the creation of a public health service.
  - Reforms social care and delivers closer integration in service commissioning and delivery.
6. The role of Local Government is identified as
  - Overseeing former PCT health improvement functions.
  - Appointing a Joint Director of Public Health
  - Establishing Health & Wellbeing Boards to provide a Strategic approach to promoting integration across Health and Adult Social Care, Children's Services and the wider Local Authority agenda
  - Leading the local Joint Strategic Needs Assessment to inform commissioning
  - Commissioning local Healthwatch organisations
  - Establish governance for new Health Overview and Scrutiny functions
7. The White Paper sets out proposed timescales for significant actions that will progress its implementation. These dates are subject to change but are detailed here for information:
  - November 2010 – Interim position statement of Social Care
  - November 2010 – The Public Health White Paper published
  - December 2010 – Local GP positions agree on a new commissioning model
  - December 2010 – New NHS operating framework issued
  - 2011 – Social Care Reform White Paper
  - April 2011
    - NHS Outcomes Framework introduced

- NHS Commissioning Board in place
  - Local Health & Wellbeing Boards established in shadow form
  - Public Health Service potential transfer to LA
  - Southampton Healthwatch proposals developed
  - April 2013 – SHA's abolished
  - Between April 2013 and March 2014 PCTs abolished and GP consortia arrangements in place and accountable.
8. Once the GP consortia arrangements for the City are announced, a series of Programme Boards will be established to take forward the work needed to progress delivery of the changes. These Programme Boards will work across the PCT, GP's and SCC to deliver major service re-design and efficiency programmes. They will focus on the following
- Public Health
  - Transforming Provider Services
  - Development of the Health and Wellbeing Board and JSNA
  - Supporting Integrated Commissioning alongside the new GP arrangements

## **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Capital/Revenue**

9. There are no identified financial issues arising specifically from these recommendations. Should any of the future development activities identify implications for either Capital or Revenue budgets held within the Adult Social Care and Health Portfolio then these will be reported and consulted on where required in the appropriate forum. All decisions taken as a result of this recommendation will be within the budget framework as this develops subsequent to further decisions made at Council and Cabinet.

### **Property/Other**

10. There are no property issues arising specifically from these recommendations. Should any of the future development activities identify implications for property held within the Adult Social Care and Health Portfolio then these will be reported and consulted on where required.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

### **Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:**

11. Section 2 Local Government Act 2000

### **Other Legal Implications:**

12. None at this stage. In due course once the detail of the possible ramifications of any course of action is known the matters will be reviewed.

## **POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS**

13. The ambitions of the White Paper will underpin the existing Health and Wellbeing Strategy and inform future revisions.

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**KEY DECISION** YES

<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	ALL
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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line**

**Appendices**

1.	Southampton City Council and NHS Southampton Joint Consultation Response to the White Paper 'Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS'
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**Documents In Members' Rooms**

**Integrated Impact Assessment**

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to be carried out.	No – they will be carried out as part of ongoing actions
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**Other Background Documents**

**Integrated Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection – please contact Kirstie Sessford ext 2548.**

Title of Background Paper(s)      Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

1.	NHS White Paper – Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS	
2.	QIPP summary	
3.	Urgent Care Strategy	