11 February 2019

Cllr Liz Fairhurst
Executive Member for Adult Social Care
and Health
(by email)

Dear Liz,

HASC: Orchard Close (Hayling Island) Respite Service - Pre-Scrutiny of proposed closure

Thank you for providing the opportunity for the HASC to pre-scrutinise your decision regarding the proposals affecting the respite service at Orchard Close, Hayling Island at our 11 February 2019 Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee meeting. Thank you to Paul Archer, Jess Hutchinson and Stuart Outterside for presenting the item at the meeting.

I can confirm that the Committee resolved the following:

a)   That the following recommendations in the report 'Findings from the consultation and recommendations on respite services at Orchard Close, Hayling Island' under section 1 are endorsed to the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health for decision: 1.1, 1.4 with addition of wording at the end 'if that capacity is proven necessary', 1.5

b)   The Committee did not support the recommendations at 1.2, 1.3 and 1.6

The Committee agreed the following alternative recommendation to you as Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health:

c)   The Committee are unconvinced that closure is the best way forward for Orchard Close, nor that alternative provision is adequate for users going forward. Orchard Close is a too highly valued, unique, tranquil, high quality service to be lost. The Committee asks the Executive Member to either look for other ways to make the savings or alternative ways to fund Orchard Close, and to strongly lobby Government for extra funding for Social Care in Hampshire.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any additional information on my comments above.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Roger Huxstep
Chairman, Health and Adult Social Care Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee

Cc: Graham Allen, Director, Adults' Health and Care