

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Committee	Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee
Date:	21 November 2023
Title:	Working Group Proposal
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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is for the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC) to consider whether to initiate a Working Group to oversee and scrutinise the approach and outcomes of the Stage 2 Consultation in relation to the following savings proposals. The three proposals relate to the adult social care grants programme for voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations, the withdrawal of all funding for non-statutory Homelessness Support Services and changes to the way in which contributions towards non-residential social care costs are calculated.

Recommendation(s)

2. To initiate a Working Group to review proposals, subject to Stage 2 consultations, relating to the adult social care grants programme for voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations, the withdrawal of all funding for non-statutory Homelessness Support Services and changes to the way in which contributions towards non-residential social care costs are calculated, as per the attached Terms of Reference.
3. To agree membership of the Working Group.

Contextual information

4. The Budget Consultation 2024-2026 Making the Most of Your Money, published in June 2023, proposed a number of reductions in Adults' Health and Care budgets, approved by Full County Council on 9 November 2023. Three proposals are identified as requiring Stage 2 consultations:
 - Proposals relating to the adult social care grants programme for voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations,
 - the withdrawal of all funding for non-statutory Homelessness Support Services

- proposals relating to changes to the way in which contributions towards non-residential social care costs are calculated.
5. **Proposals relating to the adult social care grants programme for voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations;** these discretionary grants support-voluntary sector services across Hampshire with infrastructure and running costs representing a target saving of £620,000. If implemented, voluntary and community organisations would need to reshape their services or seek alternative funding.
 6. **Withdrawal of all funding for non-statutory Homelessness Support Services;** non-statutory financial support assists the relevant housing authorities provide support for vulnerable people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, to maintain independent accommodation. These services support a range of partners to achieve positive outcomes for these clients. This proposal relates to ceasing Hampshire County Council funding of £2million.
 7. **Proposals relating to changes to the way in which contributions towards non-residential social care costs are calculated.** This could see the maximum contribution toward non-residential care costs (where applicable) increase from 95%, currently, to 100% within the permissible charging regulations. This proposal relates to a target saving of £500,000 from the budget for these services.