

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health
Date:	13 March 2018
Title:	Outcome on the consultation on the proposed closure of Bulmer House Day Service in Petersfield and Masters House Day Service in Romsey
Report From:	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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1. The decision:

- a) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health considers the responses to the consultation and considers the Equalities Impact Assessments in relation to the proposals contained within the report.
- b) That permission is granted by the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health to close the current Bulmer House day service in Petersfield.
- c) That permission is granted by the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health to close the current Masters House day service in Romsey.
- d) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health recognises the significant contribution that has been made by the staff at both Bulmer House and Masters House day services.
- e) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health and the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee receive an update on the progress and success of the alternative options identified for service users and their carers, and outcomes for staff members choosing redeployment or voluntary redundancy.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The purpose of this paper is to report to the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health the outcomes of the consultation and the recommendations for the future of Bulmer House Day Service in Petersfield and Masters House Day Service in Romsey. The report outlines the approach taken to the consultation, in particular with users of the service, their families and carers and with staff and the availability of alternative day service provision and opportunities for day time activities for older people.
- 2.2. On 13 November 2017 Hampshire County Council started an eight week consultation on the future of two day services for older people; Bulmer House in Petersfield and Masters House in Romsey. Both services are run by Hampshire County Council.

- 2.3. Until spring 2014 both day services were located in Hampshire County Council-run older people's residential homes; Masters House in Nightingale Lodge and Bulmer House in the residential home of the same name. In December 2013, following extensive public consultation, the County Council Cabinet took the decision to close the residential homes, and recommended that the associated day services be relocated in temporary accommodation until such time as they could move into the new-build Extra Care housing schemes planned for Romsey and Petersfield.
- 2.4. Over time demand for day service provision for older people in this sort of traditional setting has been declining across Hampshire. Increasingly, people are choosing other models of care to meet their individual needs. This has impacted on demand for both the services that the County Council operates itself as well as the services that it commissions from the voluntary and private sectors.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Do nothing. As the report has outlined, the current level of demand does not make this a sustainable option.
- 3.2. Keep the existing service whilst current attendees remain then close. This option was not considered viable because experience has shown that it becomes difficult to maintain the level of care and respond to future needs of individuals when the numbers fall too low, particularly in relation to the activity programme as well as retaining staff.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: Not applicable

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

In reaching this decision I have taken into account comments and recommendations from the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee, presented at my Decision Day by the Select Committee Chairman, Councillor Roger Huxstep.

Approved by:

Date:

13 March 2018

**Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health
Councillor Liz Fairhurst**