

REPORT OF THE
Cabinet/Leader
PART II

1. NHS LONG TERM STRATEGIC DELIVERY PLAN FOR HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT

- 1.1. Cabinet received a report at its meeting on 6 January 2020 with an update on the role of Hampshire County Council in supporting a response to the NHS Long Term Strategic Delivery Plan, as part of the development of the HIOW Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (HIOW STP).
- 1.2. HIOW STP was created in early 2016 in response to a national initiative from NHS England to develop coherent and collaborative plans to support the health and wellbeing of the population of England. Engagement has been undertaken with a variety of locally accountable political bodies, such as Select and Scrutiny Committees, with representatives of the district and borough councils, Health and Wellbeing Boards, community and voluntary sector organisations and individuals.
- 1.3. Cabinet heard that the development of the HIOW STP and the response to the NHS Long Term Plan is a complex and complicated task. A great deal of time and effort has been expended to develop proposals and more importantly to ensure services are delivered to our population. It is important that Hampshire County Council continues to work with NHS and other partners in developing and delivering services and responses that meet our populations needs.
- 1.4. Members were advised that the focus for Hampshire County Council, principally through our children's and adult social care and Public Health functions, must continue to be on developing and maintaining excellent service responses for the Hampshire Care Systems' population, whilst working closely with all our partners across the wider Hampshire and Isle of Wight landscape. That focus is committed to the improvement of joint working in the interest of improving outcomes and the quality of care for Hampshire citizens including constructively but firmly assuring that the local authority's accountabilities for social care services remain to the fore.
- 1.5. Cabinet noted it will be important to remain engaged in HIOW STP and in due course Integrated Care System strategic development with further work to be undertaken to identify the way in which NHS partners will cohere their services across the HIOW footprint to enable better connectivity with local government and wider stakeholders.

2. HAMPSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY GROUP

- 2.1. Cabinet received a report at its meeting on 6 January 2020 providing an update on the work of the Hampshire Community Safety Strategy Group (HCSSG) and progress towards agreeing the Hampshire County Agreement for Community Safety. Cabinet noted the leadership of the County Council in promoting community safety with partners through the HCSSG and the arrangements for establishing a Hampshire Violence Reduction Unit. The action of the Director of Adults' Health and Care in establishing an initial grant scheme which enables an element of the 2019/20 Home Office funding to tackle serious violence to be allocated to community projects was also endorsed.
- 2.2. The County Council re-established the Hampshire Community Safety Strategy Group in July 2018 and it has met quarterly over the past 16 months. It is chaired by the Director of Adults' Health and Care and has a wide-ranging membership of public sector professionals as set out in the report. Its work has focused on the preparation of a Community Safety Agreement based upon priorities stemming from strategic assessments prepared by the strategy groups across the county. Its purpose is to identify the ways in which the responsible authorities in the county could more effectively implement the priorities set out in these strategic assessments.
- 2.3. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight has been awarded short-term funding, via the Police and Crime Commissioner to establish a Violence Reduction Unit (VRU). The Home Office expects this to translate into a visible, dedicated multi-agency team, based on established models in Glasgow and London and there will be co-ordination and learning across the area in the form of a Core VRU Group facilitated by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 2.4. The 2019/20 plan for serious violence includes an allocation of £24,598 to be made available to fund local community projects of up to £4,750. To enable this element of the funding to be distributed to local projects, the Director of Adult's Health and Care, in consultation with Executive Members, has taken a decision to establish a small grant scheme which will be managed by the Director of Public Health.

3. INTERIM PROGRESS ON CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN

- 3.1. Cabinet received a report at its meeting on 6 January 2020 providing an update interim progress report on the development of a climate change strategy and action plan. A number of resolutions were agreed, including: to approve the target of carbon neutrality by 2050 for the wider Hampshire area which aligns with national government target and to approve the target for resilience to plan for impacts of a two degree Celsius rise in temperature. Other resolutions relating to the Council's own estate, the resourcing and governance of the programme, and the general approach was agreed as set out in the Cabinet report.

- 3.2. This decision followed the declaration of a climate emergency on 18 July 2019 and the endorsement of the Hampshire 2050 Commissioners Summary report on 23 September 2019.
- 3.3. Cabinet noted the approach of delivery focused practical environmentalism could be both stretching and deliverable. The 2050 target was proposed to align with national targets recognising the dependence on government action made this achievable rather than aspirational. It was noted that the County Council ambition was to bring the target forward if this was practically and financially viable.
- 3.4. Key strands of the approach include community engagement, local leadership and working with partners. Addressing resilience against the impact of climate change alongside mitigation of further future change is also a key element of the approach. On this basis, much focus would be on the biggest sources of carbon emissions; transport and domestic properties. Success in both areas is heavily dependent on Government action, however the County Council has an important role to lead on change and engagement with parish councils, environmental groups and other partners. The imminent review of the County's transport plan would give a significant opportunity to increase journeys made using sustainable travel modes and reduce car dependence. Reducing domestic emissions is historically linked with national incentive schemes for home improvement that are no longer available however the County will be working alongside key initiatives like the Greening Campaign to ensure that there is strong engagement with communities. The County has a key role to play in enabling communities to take action in areas such as household emissions and sustainable long-term changes in lifestyles and behaviours.

4. SERVING HAMPSHIRE – 2019/20 HALF YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT

- 4.1. Cabinet received a report at its meeting on 3 February 2020 presenting a strategic oversight of the County Council's performance during the first half of 2019/20 against the *Serving Hampshire* Strategic Plan for 2017/2021. It also reported on the ongoing; work and recent achievements to advance inclusion and diversity.
- 4.2. Members were made aware that overall performance measured against *Serving Hampshire* remained *Good* during the first half of 2019/20, evidencing strong performance in the delivery of core services. This had been achieved whilst continuing to manage increased demand and cost pressures, while also delivering significant savings.
- 4.3. Cabinet heard that the County Council continued to use its resources wisely and invest prudently through the careful use of reserves in order to innovate and work more efficiently. This ongoing careful balance of maintaining quality service provision, along with sound financial stewardship, enabled the County Council to provide consistent value for money for Hampshire residents.
- 4.4. The Committee were also updated on the County Council's programme of work in place to advance inclusion and diversity in line with its corporate Equality Objectives. This included undertaking both internal and external

assessment of its performance to identify areas of strength and for improvement. It was noted that the County Council was assessed by Inclusive Employers as achieving the *Bronze* National Inclusion Standard for the second year running – ranking third out of 20 participating organisations and top of the Bronze category.

5. CHILDREN'S SERVICES PARTNERSHIP WITH WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

- 5.1. Cabinet received a report at its meeting on 3 February 2020 and confirmed its support for the continuation of the partnership for children's services between Hampshire and West Sussex County Council.
- 5.2. The County Council undertook the role of Commissioner for children's services in West Sussex County Council on behalf of DfE in May 2019 to support that authority in its response to an Inadequate Ofsted inspection of its children's services
- 5.3. Members were advised that the County Council had now accepted the Department for Education's further invitation to retain the roles of Commissioner and Improvement Partner, through the Chief Executive and the Director of Children's Services, supported by a team of HCC children's services specialists, to support a longer programme of service improvement. This would last initially for one year but was likely to be extended.
- 5.4. Cabinet noted that Hampshire County Council had a well-established, hard earned and highly positive reputation for its strength in children's services. That included its support for other local authorities at times of need.

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