

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health
<b>Date:</b>	18 March 2020
<b>Title:</b>	Outcome of the consultation and recommendations on proposed changes to Hampshire County Council's learning disability respite services
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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#### 1. The decision:

1.1 That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health:

- a) Agrees to the reduction in the number of respite beds offered at Orchard Close respite service from 13 to 10.
- b) Agrees to the proposals to generate income from Hampshire County Council's other learning disability respite services by marketing a limited amount of spare bed capacity to increase their income from other public bodies as set out in this report.
- c) Agrees that the changes to the four respite services as set out in this report should come into effect from 1 October 2020.

#### 2. Reasons for the Decision

- 2.1 On 3 December the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health approved opening an eight-week public consultation on the proposals to reduce the number of beds at Orchard Close from 13 to 10 and to market capacity in the County Council's other three learning disability respite services were developed.
- 2.2 A public consultation ran from 16 December 2019 until 9 February 2020. The feedback on the consultation on the future of the learning disability respite services revealed that 41% of people were in agreement with the proposals to reduce the number of beds at Orchard Close whilst 34% disagreed. With regards to the proposals to market spare capacity in the other three learning disability services, 55% of people were in agreement with the proposals whilst 22% disagreed.
- 2.3 The recommendations contained within this report would enable the County Council to continue to run a respite service at Orchard Close, whilst still achieving estimated savings of £285,000. However, they still leave a £332,000 shortfall against the original savings target of £617,000.

### **3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1 Commissioning another organisation to run the respite service at Orchard Close – this was rejected as it was highlighted during the engagement that this option would not necessarily deliver any identified benefits, although it was recognised that it may have provided modest cost reductions.
- 3.2 For carers, service users and/or other interested people to form a group that takes responsibility for running a service at Orchard Close – this was rejected as following careful consideration, particularly by the Voluntary Sector, Carer and Officer working group it would only have been considered as a contingency option, should the County Council not run the service and would not be their first choice.
- 2.1 Income generation at Orchard Close – this option was rejected as initial enquiries have shown that other local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups are interested in sourcing respite services for those who have challenging needs and/ or physical disabilities in addition to their learning disability. There are just four accessible rooms at Orchard Close of which two have ceiling track hoists and none have ensuite facilities. These rooms are in regular use by Hampshire residents, and are therefore not available to be used by other public bodies.
- 2.2 To close the respite service at Orchard Close – this option was rejected as it was the subject of an earlier consultation which led the Executive Member for Adult Social care and Health to request other options be considered.

### **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:**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

18 March 2020

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