

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee/Panel:	Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee
Date:	28 June 2021
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 feed into the consideration of options relating to the deliberation of proposals to be made to the following Public Health services:
 - Substance Misuse
 - Stop Smoking
 - Sexual Health
 - Public Health Nursing

Recommendation(s)

2. To initiate a Working Group to feed into the consideration of options relating to the future of the Public Health services outlined above as per the attached Terms of Reference.
3. To agree membership of the Working Group.

Contextual information

4. In line with reducing budgets and increasing service demand, the Public Health team has worked with organisations which deliver services on its behalf to identify potential new ways of working. This includes making the most of the opportunities that are presented by new technologies and the internet.

5. Hampshire County Council is seeking residents' and stakeholders' views on proposals to make changes to the Public Health services outlined above via a consultation which opens at midday on 14 June 2021 and closes at 11:59 pm on 9 August 2021. Further details about the consultation are available on the County Council's website: [Public Health Consultation 2021 | About the Council | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk/public-health-consultation-2021)
6. The consultation will also seek to understand the potential impacts of these options to help inform its final approach.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	no
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	no
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	no

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 2.1. This report is about initiating a Working Group; therefore an impact assessment is not relevant. Impact assessments will be considered at the time proposals arising for the Working Group are considered for decision.