

REPORT OF THE  
**Executive Member for Public Health**  
PART II

**1. APPOINTMENT TO SOLENT SEA RESCUE ORGANISATION**

- 1.1 On 26 July 2017 the Executive Member for Public Health appointed Councillor Peter Edgar to continue as the County Council's representative on Solent Sea Rescue Organisation (SSRO), which is one of the many organisations which the County Council is represented on and supports. Councillor Edgar is currently Chairman of the SSRO.
- 1.2 The Solent Sea Rescue Organisation (SSRO) was formed in 1977 by Hampshire County Council to preserve or assist in the preservation of life and the prevention of injury at sea, on the foreshore of the Solent and on the beaches of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Originally Hampshire County Council provided financial backing supported by all Hampshire Coastal Authorities. The County Council is now the main provider of financial and organisational support with an ongoing commitment from the Isle of Wight, New Forest, Gosport and Fareham Councils.
- 1.3 The volunteer members of the SSRO Operational units give freely of their time and expertise. In addition to providing an essential life saving service, they are also required to attend training courses to maintain high standards of seamanship and to comply with stringent Health & Safety requirements. Each unit also needs to invest much time and effort in raising funds to maintain their boats and equipment. The SSRO units are able to sustain a highly professional service by hard work and good housekeeping.
- 1.4 Her Majesty's (HM) Coastguard as the operational arm of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency, the United Kingdom's maritime authority, recognises and approves members of the SSRO as a 'declared facility'. Such a rare status requires the highest standards of availability, seamanship, communication and life saving skills to allow HM Coastguard to request the service and coordinate its actions. A number of units also have a programme of educational visits from and to schools on all aspects of water safety and this involvement is a growing and necessary commitment with the units. The SSRO monitors the units and ensures the highest safety standards are sustained, as well as providing costly insurance and some contingency funding.
- 1.5 The SSRO independent lifeboat units attend an average of 280 incidents a year and provide a considerable amount of vital support to other safety providers such as the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and HM Coastguard on our busy local waters and beaches.

## **2. APPROVAL TO SPEND FOR SUBSTANCE MISUSE SERVICES**

- 2.1 On 26 July 2017 the Executive Member for Public Health approved the procurement and spend for Substance Misuse Services, up to the maximum value of £61.37million for a maximum contract term of 7 years (5 years with an option to extend for a period or periods of up to 2 years) commencing on 1 July 2018. Approval was also given to delegate authority to the Director of Public Health to enter into formal agreement with NHS England.
- 2.2 The Public Health grant funded sum of £61.3 million represents the current level of budget available for these services, with an additional £72,940 contribution from NHS England. The Substance Misuse contract will be constructed in a way that provides contractual flexibility to adjust service provision annually to meet any changes in demand and or changes in available funding.
- 2.3 Alcohol and drugs are some of the leading risk factors for overall burden of disease in the United Kingdom. Substance misuse is a complex issue that touches young people, adults, families, communities and society. Currently there are separate contracts with three different providers to deliver substance misuse services to Hampshire residents. A single contract would allow for substantial service re-design and services to become more “joined up”, thus achieving a consistent and integrated approach, and better outcomes for young people, adults and families.

Further details on these items can be found at the following link:

- [Executive Member for Public Health Decision Day - 26 July 2017](#)

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