

**HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SELECT (OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY)
COMMITTEE
TASK AND FINISH WORKING GROUP ON ADULTS' HEALTH AND CARE SP23
SAVINGS PROGRAMME PROPOSALS**

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Serving Hampshire - Balancing the Budget consultation, published in June 2021, proposed a number of reductions in Adults' Health and Care budgets, subject to Cabinet approval on 12 October and approval by Full County Council on 4 November 2021. Two proposals are stated as being subject to stage 2 consultations; Local and County wide grants funded by Adult Social Care to voluntary, community and partner organisations in relation to Demand Management and Prevention, and Social Inclusion services which provide support for vulnerable people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, to maintain independent accommodation
- 1.2 Local and county-wide grants funded by Adult Social Care to voluntary, community and partner organisations in relation to Demand Management and Prevention currently support a range of activities designed to help prevent and manage demand for Social Care services. The proposal is to cease to provide such grants representing a target saving of £365,000. If implemented, voluntary and community organisations would need to reshape their services or seek alternative funding.
- 1.3 Social Inclusion services provide support for vulnerable people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, to maintain independent accommodation. These services support a range of partners to achieve positive outcomes for these clients. This proposal relates to a target saving of £360,000 from the budget for these services.
- 1.4 The County Council wants to work with all partners in planning for future service delivery.

2. Role and Purpose of the Task and Finish Working Group

- 2.1 The Task and Finish Working Group is a working group of the Health and Adult Social Care Select (Overview and Scrutiny) Committee (HASC) and is appointed in accordance with the Constitution of Hampshire County Council.
- 2.2 The Task and Finish Group's purpose is to review proposals for the future of both the Demand Management and Prevention Grants and Social Inclusion services, as part of the wider SP23 savings programme.

3. Scope of the Task and Finish Group

- 3.1 The HASC Select Committee considered an introduction to the Council's required savings and the specific efficiencies to be sought from Adults' Health and Care, following the results of the Serving Hampshire - Balancing the Budget consultation; at their meeting on 21 September 2021.

- 3.2 This working group is being formed to provide overview and scrutiny of the review of Demand Management and Prevention Grants and Social Inclusion services, which forms part of the Department's SP23 programme, prior to an Executive Member decision.

4. Objectives

- 4.1 To support the County Council with the approach to reviewing these grants and services alongside District and Borough Councils, together with any other organisations with a statutory responsibility or interest in this provision.
- 4.2 To review feedback from engagement and consultation with a wide range of stakeholders, including service users.
- 4.3 To consider and provide comment on impact assessments.
- 4.4 To scrutinise and review proposals for service reconfiguration developed within the financial envelope available.

5. Areas out of scope

- 5.1 The overall savings contribution from Adults Health and Care, as agreed by the Executive Member for Adult Services and Public Health on 21 September 2021. (subject to confirmation by Cabinet on 12 October and County Council on 4 November)
- 5.2 The consideration of other Adults' Health and Care services not defined as Demand Management and Prevention Grants or Social Inclusion services.

6. Outcomes

- 6.1 To provide updates to the wider HASC on the progress of considerations when appropriate.
- 6.2 To make recommendations regarding proposals to the wider HASC
- 6.3 To submit a report to the wider HASC when recommendations appear before the Committee for pre-decision scrutiny.

7. Method

- 7.1 The working group will meet with department officers to consider the evidence leading to recommendations for decisions on the future of these programmes. At each meeting, the group will provide oversight, scrutiny and comment on progress towards the stated objectives of the review.
- 7.2 Where the working group requires further information in order to pursue the concerns outlined in the scope, such information will be requested.

8. Membership

- 8.1 The working group shall be a cross party group made up of Members of the HASC, with additional membership from one of the District and Borough Co-opted Membership.

9. Meetings

- 9.1 The Working Group will hold an initial meeting to understand the timeline for reviewing and making recommendations on these programmes. After this meeting, it shall meet as often as required to satisfactorily explore these topics.
- 9.2 It is anticipated that the Working Group would start meeting shortly after confirmation of the savings targets by County Council on 4 November 2021, with a view to concluding to feed into a decision by the Executive Member in June 2022.

10. Code of Conduct

- 10.1 Elected Members of the Working Group shall comply with the Hampshire County Council Code of Conduct applicable to Members.

11. Reporting

- 11.1 The Working Group will make an update to the HASC on the progress of considerations when appropriate. It will provide comment to the wider HASC when recommendations appear before the Committee for pre-decision scrutiny.
- 11.2 The Working Group will cease to exist once its purpose has been fulfilled.