

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	19 July 2022
Title:	Social Care Reform including Fair Cost of Care
Report From:	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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1. The decision:

1.1 Cabinet acknowledges the direction of travel and intention of the SCR. However, to achieve this in a sustainable and appropriate way Cabinet is asked to support and endorse the following as a priority for the consideration of Government:

- Adequate funding to match the scale of the challenge and fully fund the increase in costs to local authorities, as a new burden.
- Investment in national recruitment and workforce development campaign for local authorities and providers to address long term workforce challenges across the sector. Including support for local innovation to ease workforce pressures over the long term.
- A staggered reform implementation or consideration of deferring wider reforms to the health and care system.
- Publication, as soon as possible, of clear guidance on how those currently in receipt of services will transition into the new system, including how means testing and top-ups should be applied.
- A clear public facing communications campaign to manage expectations and help residents to understand the implications of reform, including how much cost they will be liable for
- Regional bodies to provide detailed information on infrastructure and technology solutions.
- Publication of details on how the local authority equivalent cost should be calculated for self-funder Independent Personal Budgets.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1 This report covers all aspects of the Social Care Reforms (SCR) and their financial impact on the County Council with a key focus on the 'Fair Cost of Care' (FCC) element of the SCR due to the urgency of this work over the summer period and the immediate financial impact.

2.2 The County Council is seeking for Cabinet to recognise the impact of the Social Care Reform. These impacts, that are estimated to be greater than SP23 and some of the previous whole-Council savings programmes, greater than the assumed benefits of Local Government Re-organisation in Hampshire and impacts that are not currently factored into the estimated budget gap of between £180m and £200m.

3 Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 None

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: None

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:
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Chairman of Cabinet Councillor Rob Humby	