

CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care held on Wednesday, 7 March 2018 at 10am at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Luke Stubbs (in the Chair)
Gerald Vernon-Jackson CBE

1. Apologies.

No apologies had been received.

2. Declarations of Members' Interests.

No interests were declared.

3. Adult Social Care Transformation Fund - update

Simon Nightingale, Senior Business Manager introduced the report.

Councillor Vernon-Jackson commented that there is high pressure on adult social care and NHS' budgets across the country.

Councillor Stubbs agreed that there is significant pressure on adult social care and noted that it would be interesting to see the Green Paper when it is published.

The Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care noted the report.

4. Forward Plan Omission (agenda item 5 - Acquisition of Oakdene).

The Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care noted the Forward Plan omission.

5. Acquisition of Oakdene

Rachael Roberts, Service Manager introduced the report.

In response to a question, Richard Webb, Finance Manager explained that negotiations had started with Solent NHS Trust in Autumn 2017.

In response to further questions, Rachael Roberts explained that the council would need to apply for a change of use. The room sizes are slightly below the minimum space standards required, but this should not cause a problem. She also explained that five people who currently reside outside the city have been identified as possible candidates for moving back into the city. However, as this will take about a year to complete, it could be a different five people by then.

Councillor Vernon-Jackson noted that the standards simply give an indication of minimum room sizes, but applications could be approved even if the rooms are smaller. He also noted that it would have been nice to have known that the council was negotiating to buy a premises in his ward.

The Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care approved that:

- 1. The Deputy Director of Adult Social Care in consultation with the Head of Finance & S151 Officer acquires the Oakdene site.**
- 2. The Deputy Director of Adult Social Care in consultation with the Head of Finance & S151 Officer amend the composition and spending profile of the proposed scheme in order to meet planning and design requirements whilst ensuring that the schemes remain financially viable following any necessary changes.**
- 3. The Deputy Director of Adult Social Care in consultation with the Head of finance and S151 Officer be delegated authority to agree any joint arrangements with the CCG regarding their contribution to the scheme.**
- 4. The Head of Legal Services / City Solicitor be authorised to enter into all documentation necessary to complete the purchase.**

6. Harry Sotnick House Transition Arrangements

Andy Biddle, Service Manager introduced the report.

In response to a question, he explained that the agreement was limited to between 18 and 24 months. During the significant and detailed transition period, the council would learn from Hampshire County Council's expertise and experience to ensure that it had a clear idea of the way forward.

Innes Richens, Director of Adult Social Care added that independently of this item, the council is applying to CQC to add nursing to its registration to be able to offer more flexibility in some of its other residential homes.

The Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care:

- 1. Noted the preferred option for operating Harry Sotnick House Nursing Home in the short to medium term to enable a smooth and safe transition for the residents and staff and avoid further CQC action.**
- 2. Delegated authority to the Deputy Director of Adult Social Care, in consultation with the Director of Finance (s.151 Officer), to continue and conclude negotiations to enter into an agreement with Hampshire County Council to provide care services at Harry Sotnick House from 1st April 2018.**
- 3. Authorised the Head of Legal Services / City Solicitor to enter into all documentation necessary to complete the agreement.**

The meeting concluded at 10.25am.

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Councillor Luke Stubbs
Chair