



Adults and Community Care Select Committee

29 May 2008

Council Transformation Programme

Proposals for Surrey County Council in-house Learning Disability Day Care Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT: Information/Comment

To update the Committee on progress made, as part of the Council Transformation Programme, in developing proposals for the modernisation of day services for people with learning disabilities.

To seek feedback and comments on the draft proposals being presented to the Executive on **24 June 2008**.

SUMMARY:

1. As part of the Council Transformation programme, a project team has been working to develop proposals to modernise day services for people with learning disabilities in Surrey. This continues work that started in 1999 as part of the Fundamental Review of day services which detailed the re-provision of large day centres with community based facilities.
2. The 'modernisation' agenda for day services has in recent years seen many of the seven day centres [Annex A] move to offering a range of activities in community settings. As a result many of the larger traditional buildings are now under occupied and increasingly not fit for purpose.
3. An update was provided to the Select Committee on 2 April 2008 and the executive report dated 24th June 2008 (attached) is the document that we will present to the Executive for agreement on 24 June 2008.

4. **Executive approval will be sought** to conduct a programme of consultation on the proposals detailed in the executive report. This consultation will seek the views of service users, carers, staff, service providers, district and borough councils, health colleagues and other stakeholders. **It is proposed to undertake a 4-month consultation period.** This extended timescale represents a reasonable adjustment under the Disability Discrimination Act and recognises the impact of the summer holiday period. A robust plan and diverse range of accessible consultation methods will be employed to enable all service users to have the opportunity to express and contribute their views.
5. The Executive will be asked to consider two options; **Option one** is to hold a meaningful consultation on the proposals for changes. The proposals are a starting point to generate debate and comment, recognising that we are not yet at a stage to produce firm recommendations. **Option two** is not to hold a consultation and leave services as they are. This will result in the gradual decrease of attendance at the large day centre buildings as fewer people are admitted to the services. This will mean that changes proposed by the government are not adopted in the timeframe they would like to see. The service will be subject to increased financial pressures due to aging and under utilised buildings

RECOMMENDATIONS:

6. The Select Committee are asked to comment upon the proposals to modernise day services and to consider what further steps it may wish to take should the Executive agree the consultation.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

7. The Select Committee have been actively involved in monitoring the progress of the Council Transformation Programme and have been updated on previous occasions in respect to day service modernisation. The Select Committee are therefore well placed to both challenge and support the service in reviewing the service offered to people with learning disabilities.

NEXT STEPS:

8. The Executive will consider the report and any recommendations from the Select Committee on 24 June 2008. The consultation period, if approved, will commence shortly after that date. The Select Committee will receive regular updates on the progress of the consultation and are invited to comment formally on them.

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FEEDBACK AND QUESTIONS:

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