



**Adults and Community Care Select Committee  
2 April 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 dayservices for people with learning disabilities.

To seek feedback, comments or recommendations on the draft proposals prior to them being presented to the Executive on 10 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 reprovion 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. A business case for improvements to the service is being worked on and will be presented to the Executive for review on 10 June 2008. This summary is intended to update on progress so far.

**DETAIL**

4. Since 2003, Surrey County Council in-house day services for people with learning disabilities have worked incrementally to move service provision into the local community. The success of delivering services in the community, has led to many of the seven day-centres now offering over 45% of their activities in community settings. As a result many of the larger traditional buildings are now under occupied and increasingly not fit for purpose.

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5. As a County Council we also need to reflect the government's agenda of personalisation and control for people receiving social care services and are now in a position to consider a number of further changes that will deliver our long term day service modernisation programme. In line with the key themes of Valuing People and Valuing People Now [Annex B], we are currently reviewing day service activities ensuring they are user led, outcome focused and local to home and we want to progress this work by:
- Reorganising services for people with multiple and complex support needs. This will involve **refurbishing four of the current daycentre** buildings into 'Centres of Excellence' so that they can provide a more dedicated service offering improved accommodation, community access, short breaks and improved health services to people with profound needs.
  - Developing further opportunities for people with less severe needs to become **more active citizens in their communities**. We aim to build on the opportunity of the roll out of self directed support to all existing and new service users from April 2009 so that people can move away from services offered by daycentres into a range of community options.
  - To ensure that services received by individuals are closer to their home and to **encourage the increased use of public transport** by people with learning disabilities.
  - To **determine the future use of daycentres in large buildings** which are increasingly becoming not fit for purpose.
  - To **review the current management and staffing structure** under the new model of self directed support so that staff can continue to meet the specialist needs of service users
6. Executive approval will be sought to conduct a programme of consultation on the proposals detailed above. 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.
7. Work is ongoing to develop a business case to support the options outlined above and we plan to present the full business case and Executive report to the Committee for review at the next meeting on 29 May.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

8. 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:**

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9. 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:**

10. The Executive will consider the report and any recommendations from the Select Committee on 10 June 2008. The consultation period, if approved, will commence on 16 June 2008. The Select Committee will receive regular updates on the progress of the consultation and will report its findings to the Executive.
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### **Sources/background papers:**

#### Annex A – SCC Learning Disability Day Centres

Bentley Day Centre  
The Horseshoe  
Banstead  
SM7 2BG

Colebrook Day Centre  
St Anne's Drive  
Redhill  
RH1 1PT

Cranstock Day Centre  
Hermitage Road  
St Johns  
Woking  
GU11 1UA

Fairways Day Centre  
Knowle Green  
Staines  
TW18 1AJ

Fernleigh Day Centre  
Hersham Road  
Walton on Thames  
KT12 1RZ

Lockwood Day Service  
Westfield Road

Guildford  
GU1 1RR

The Harbour Day Service  
Oxted Green  
Milford GU8 5DG

Annex B – Valuing People

**Valuing People: A new strategy for learning disability for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. A White Paper from the Department of Health, published 20 March 2001**

People with learning disabilities are amongst the most vulnerable and socially excluded in our society. Very few have jobs, live in their own homes or have choice over who cares for them. This needs to change: people with learning disabilities must no longer be marginalised or excluded. 'Valuing people' sets out how the Government will provide new opportunities for children and adults with learning disabilities and their families to live full and independent lives as part of their local communities. (Source: [http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Copyright/DH\\_4067693](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Copyright/DH_4067693))

**Valuing People Now: From progress to transformation – a consultation on the next three years of learning disability policy (4 December 2007 – 28 March 2008)**

The white paper 'Valuing People' (2001) set out the Government's vision for people with a learning disability, across a range of services based on four key principles of rights, independence, choice, and inclusion. The white paper's vision covered a range of issues including health, housing and employment. 'Valuing People Now' seeks people's views on the priorities for the learning disability agenda over the next three years.  
(Source: [http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH\\_081014](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_081014))

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