

Cabinet



Date & time Tuesday, 10 March 2015 at 2.00 pm	Place Ashcombe Suite, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2DN	Contact Vicky Hibbert or Anne Gowing Room 122, County Hall Tel 020 8541 9229 or 020 8541 9938	Chief Executive David McNulty
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1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests from Members in respect of any item to be considered at the meeting.

Notes:

- In line with the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, declarations may relate to the interest of the member, or the member's spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom the member is living as husband or wife, or a person with whom the member is living as if they were civil partners and the member is aware they have the interest.
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- Members must notify the Monitoring Officer of any interests disclosed at the meeting so they may be added to the Register.
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3 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

3a Members' Questions

- (i) The deadline for Member's questions is 12pm four working days before the meeting 4 March 2015.

3b Public Questions

The deadline for public questions is seven days before the meeting on 3 March 2015.

3c Petitions

Petition 1:

It states: 'We the undersigned agree with the following statement.

Save the Surrey 6 care homes and re-develop them to provide the best care for the elderly community in Surrey'

Submitted by Mr Frank Minal on behalf of GMB

Signatures: 130

Petition 2:

It states: 'We call on Surrey County Council to invest in the redevelopment and refurbishment (or rebuilding) of its six remaining in-house elderly care homes. Brockhurst in Ottershaw, Cobgates in Farnham, Longfield in

Cranleigh, Dormers in Caterham, Park Hall in Reigate and Pinehurst in Camberley. We do not accept the rationale for closure of any of these homes. The quality and level of care in these homes is outstanding. What is needed is the political will to invest in their modernisation - not to close them.'

Submitted by Mr Paul Couchman on behalf of Save Our Services

Signatures: 4373

Responses will be tabled at the meeting.

4 SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

On 21 October 2014 the Cabinet took a decision to consult on the future of six Surrey County Council residential care homes for older people. This followed a comprehensive review of the services provided, future commissioning requirements, and consideration whether Surrey County Council should continue operating older people's residential care homes.

The homes under consultation are:

- Brockhurst in Ottershaw
- Cobgates in Farnham
- Dormers in Caterham
- Longfield in Cranleigh
- Park Hall in Reigate
- Pinehurst in Camberley

Between them the homes currently provide a range of services including residential care, respite, day care and reablement services (see glossary of terms, Annex 1).

When the homes were constructed people referred were required to be fully mobile and continent. The infrastructure of these homes was not designed to meet the current and future needs of the elderly who continue to present with complex needs requiring more specialist modern facilities. As a responsible provider, the council needs to consider how it can deliver a quality dignified care service, meeting current and future needs.

The numbers of people across the six homes using these services include: 133 permanent residents, 28 current day care users (varying frequency use), an average of 36 temporary/respite beds occupied, and an average of 13 people commencing a period of bed based reablement per month (Annex 2, as at January 2015).

The public consultation took place from 30 October 2014 and was extended to 31 January 2015. Views were sought from current users of the services provided by the homes, relatives, staff, stakeholders and any other affected people.

Many residents and their families took advantage of face to face meetings where their concerns were aired and discussed. In addition visits were undertaken to relatives living out of the county.

Recognising that the recommendations are likely to lead to disruption of persons using the services and their family members, the needs and wellbeing of those affected are paramount. Careful planning taking account of best practice will mitigate the impact on the users through individual assessment and planning of alternative services, which are available in the independent sector.

It is recognised that refurbishment and upgrading of these homes as laid out in option 2 would cause significant upheaval to the residents through multiple moves which would not be best practice.

The council is determined to ensure future adult social care needs are met appropriately, and working with other partners, will start further work on the potential alternative use of the properties for future services, which could include facilities for extra care, dementia care, and support for carers (such as short breaks).

The Cabinet is asked to consider the summary consultation report, and decide on the recommendations for each of the homes under consideration.

[Decisions on this item can be called in by the Adult Social Care Select Committee]

David McNulty
Chief Executive
Monday, 2 March 2015

QUESTIONS, PETITIONS AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The Cabinet will consider questions submitted by Members of the Council, members of the public who are electors of the Surrey County Council area and petitions containing 100 or more signatures relating to a matter within its terms of reference, in line with the procedures set out in Surrey County Council's Constitution.

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