

County Council Meeting – 17 May 2016

REPORT OF THE CABINET

The Cabinet met on 22 March and 26 April 2016.

In accordance with the Constitution, Members can ask questions of the appropriate Cabinet Member, seek clarification or make a statement on any of these issues without giving notice.

The minutes containing the individual decisions for 22 March and 26 April 2016 meetings are included within the agenda at item 18. Cabinet responses to Committee reports are included in or appended to the minutes. If any Member wishes to raise a question or make a statement on any of the matters in the minutes, notice must be given to Democratic Services by 12 noon on the last working day before the County Council meeting (Monday 16 May 2016).

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REPORTS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

22 March 2016

A HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION

1. The Better Care Fund (BCF) is a national programme announced by the Government in the June 2013 spending round. The aim of the programme is to incentivise the NHS and local government to work more closely together around people, placing their wellbeing as the focus of health and care services. It is important to note that the funding comes from existing funding streams, the majority of which comes from health budgets.
2. Having grown and developed over time, the move towards integrated services has become a fundamental part of the way the Council and its partners develop and deliver services for adults and children across Surrey. This has been accelerated in health and social care by the introduction of the Better Care Fund, the publication of the NHS Five Year Forward View and is a key strategy for Surrey's Adult Social Care service to manage increasing demand.
3. The BCF is one element of the wider NHS strategic planning arrangements set out to deliver the NHS Five Year Forward View.
4. The NHS planning guidance introduces Sustainability and Transformation Plans as the overarching strategic plan for local health and care systems, covering the period October 2016 to March 2021. STPs represent a significant shift in NHS planning towards place-based planning (as opposed to solely asking individual NHS organisations to produce their own plans). In addition to covering all areas of CCG and NHS England commissioned activity, STPs will also include plans around integration with local authorities.
5. The national guidance for STPs sets out a two staged approach to their development with the aim of having completed plans by July 2016:

- Stage one (before Easter) - developing local leadership and collaboration (agreeing and implementing governance arrangements, clarifying the scale of the challenge and agreeing key priorities)
 - Stage two (after Easter) – developing the detail of the STP focussed on an overall local vision and setting out how the area will reduce ‘the three gaps’ (the health and wellbeing gap, the care and quality gap, and the finance and efficiency gap) and meet the requirements set out in the NHS mandate.
6. The legal framework for the Better Care Fund requires that in each area the Fund is transferred into one or more pooled budgets (established under Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006) and that plans are approved by NHS England in consultation with the Department of Health and the Department for Communities and Local Government.
 7. Once the Surrey Better Care Fund plan was agreed for 2016/17, ‘section 75’ partnership agreements will be developed and agreed with CCGs to enable the establishment of pooled funds (this refers to an agreement under section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 which allows local authorities and NHS bodies to pool funds).
- 8. The Cabinet AGREED:**
1. That the update on health and social care integration planning in Surrey and the emerging Sustainability and Transformation Plans be noted.
 2. That authority be delegated to the Strategic Director for Adults Social Care and Public Health, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Wellbeing and Independence and the Cabinet Member for Wellbeing and Health, to finalise and approve the 2016/17 Surrey Better Care Fund plan from the Council’s point of view in line with the Council’s Medium Term Financial Plan.
 3. That the finalised 2016/17 Better Care Fund Plan should be presented to the Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board for final approval on 7 April 2016.

B QUARTERLY REPORT ON DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER SPECIAL URGENCY ARRANGEMENTS: 1 JANUARY – 31 MARCH 2016

1. The Cabinet is required under the Constitution to report to Council on a quarterly basis the details of decisions taken by the Cabinet and Cabinet Members under the special urgency arrangements set out in Article 6.05(f) of the Constitution. This occurs where a decision is required on a matter that is not contained within the Leader’s Forward Plan (Notice of Decisions), nor available 5 clear days before the meeting. Where a decision on such matters could not reasonably be delayed, the agreement of the Chairman of the appropriate Scrutiny Board, or in his/her absence the Chairman of the Council, must be sought to enable the decision to be made.

There have been no urgent items in this quarter.

Mr David Hodge, Leader of the Council
6 May 2016