

Health Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 26 June 2019

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Call In Request: Decisions taken by Cabinet on 13 June 2019, in relation to the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing's area of responsibility

(Annexes A, B, C and D refer)

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Executive Summary

On 13 June 2019, Cabinet received and approved recommendations contained in the following reports:

- Health Improvement Service (**Annex A**);
- Integrated Home Improvement Services (**Annex B**); and
- Lancashire Wellbeing Service (**Annex C**)

Following requests from eleven County Councillors in accordance with the "Call In" procedures, the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee has called an extraordinary meeting to consider calling in the decisions.

Recommendation

- In accordance with the Call In procedures contained in Overview and Scrutiny Procedural Standing Orders E1-2, the Committee is asked to consider whether or not to request Cabinet to reconsider the decision made on 13 June 2019 to approve the recommendations in relation to:
 1. the Health Improvement Service as set out in the report below.
 2. the Integrated Home Improvement Services as set out in the report below.
 3. the Lancashire Wellbeing Service as set out in the report below.
- If the committee resolves to ask cabinet to reconsider the recommendations in relation to any of the above,
 4. to determine the grounds on which the request is to be based.

Background and Advice

On 13 June 2019, Cabinet received the following reports in relation to the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing's area of responsibility:

- Health Improvement Service (**Annex A**);

- Integrated Home Improvement Services (**Annex B**); and
- Lancashire Wellbeing Service (**Annex C**)

In relation to the **Health Improvement Service**, Cabinet resolved that:

- The cessation of the Active Lives Healthy Weight service by 31st March 2020; retaining a residual budget of £500,000 to support development of future health improvement initiatives be approved.
- A reduction in the budget of £675,000 for drug and alcohol rehabilitation services, ahead of a planned re-procurement exercise be approved.
- The proposal to remodel stop smoking services in line with national policy and evidence base with a focus on targeted groups within the community as detailed in the report be approved.
- A one-off investment of £500,000 to assist in the remodelling of services and development of non-clinical approaches with a focus on prevention, to promote good physical and mental health across all ages, including wellbeing and home improvement services as set out in reports elsewhere on the agenda be approved.
- Further work be undertaken with partners to identify opportunities for collaborative working to develop integrated approaches to prevention and health improvement.
- Multi-agency workforce development through the roll out of the Making Every Contact Count Programme (for signposting and general lifestyle advice); and development of a digital offer, to maximise self-care opportunities afforded by health and wellbeing apps and other social media platforms be endorsed.
- The thanks of Cabinet to the officers who assisted in the production of the report be recorded.

In relation to the **Integrated Home Improvement Services**, Cabinet resolved that:

- The Integrated Home Improvement Service contracts be decommissioned (ceased) by 31st March 2020, and that work be approved to take place with existing providers to deliver this.
- The development of new approaches and integrated pathways, utilising some of the one off investment funding of £0.500m agreed by Cabinet as part of proposals relating to Health Improvement Services be supported.
- A procurement exercise be undertaken to deliver a 'minor adaptations' service which is currently delivered through the Integrated Home Improvement Service.
- The thanks of Cabinet to the officers who assisted in the production of the report be recorded.

In relation to the **Lancashire Wellbeing Service**, Cabinet resolved that:

- The cessation of the Lancashire Wellbeing Service by 31 December 2019 be approved.
- Continued support of a Deaf Wellbeing Worker post be approved.
- The development of community based approaches to meet wellbeing needs, recognising the social value of community assets such as green space and local enterprises, utilising some of the one off investment funding proposed as

part of the Health Improvement Services item elsewhere on the agenda be supported.

- iv. Multi-agency workforce development through the roll out of the Making Every Contact Count Programme (for signposting and general lifestyle advice); and development of a digital offer, to maximise self-care opportunities afforded by health and wellbeing apps and other social media platforms be endorsed.
- v. The thanks of Cabinet to the officers who assisted in the production of the report be recorded.

On Monday 17 June 2019, the Chief Executive received a request, signed by eleven County Councillors representing more than one single political group, for the Health Scrutiny Committee to consider whether these decisions should be the subject of a Call In.

The request was received in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedural Standing Orders E1-2 from County Councillors Azhar Ali, Lizzi Collinge, Gina Dowding, John Fillis, David Howarth, Mohammed Iqbal, Erica Lewis, Liz Oades, Gillian Oliver, Margaret Pattison and Matthew Tomlinson. The decision cannot now be implemented until the call-in procedure is completed.

Standing Order E2(5) requires those requesting the special meeting to specify how the decision has breached one or more of the Principles of Decision Making set out at Standing Order A4. These are that all decisions of the council, including Cabinet and Committees, will be:

- (a) proportionate in all ways, including financially, to the issues under consideration and to the desired outcome;
- (b) based on appropriate consultation and professional officer advice;
- (c) In line with our duties around Human Rights and equality and diversity;
- (d) clear in terms of aims and outcomes;
- (e) in line with the legal test of reasonableness; and
- (f) made with all relevant information being available to the decision makers, and, where appropriate, other councillors and the public.

The reasons for this request as submitted by the above members are as follows:

"I write to call in the following decisions:

- Item 7 [10] – Health Improvement Service
- Item 8 [11] – Integrated Home Improvement Services
- Item 9 [12] – Lancashire Wellbeing Service

I believe the decisions of the Cabinet do not meet the following criteria under the constitution as follows

- (a) proportionate in all ways, including financially, to the issues under consideration and to the desired outcome – this decision was disproportionate

because it does not take into the account the impact on other LCC services and or the wellbeing of Lancashire residents.

(b) based on appropriate consultation and professional officer advice – this decision does not pay heed to the responses from the consultation and the lack of mitigation to the cuts proposed."

To assist the Committee, the Call In procedures contained in Overview and Scrutiny Procedural Standing Orders E1-2 are attached as at **Annex D**.

Of particular relevance in attached provisions (as at **Annex D**) are the requirements that the Committee must determine at the meeting whether or not to request that the decision be reconsidered, and if so to determine the grounds upon which the request is based.

The Committee is required to meet within seven clear working days of the request to consider the Call In being received, and an extraordinary meeting has therefore been scheduled for Wednesday 26 June 2019.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There are no significant risk management implications arising from this item. However, the risk management and other implications associated with the decisions taken by Cabinet on 13 June 2019, are set out in **Annexes A, B and C** to this report.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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N/A

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A