

## **Cabinet - 4 December 2014**

### **Report of the Chief Executive**

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| Electoral Division affected:<br>All |
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### **Report of Key Decisions taken by Cabinet Members**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Key Decisions taken by Cabinet Members since the previous meeting of Cabinet. The Key Decisions set out below, were considered by the Executive Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 4 November 2014. With regard to item 1 (Review of Library Opening Hours), an additional recommendation was proposed by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services. No changes were made to the recommendations set out in the reports and any additional comments made by the Committee were reported to each Cabinet Member at the time of decision.

#### **Recommendation**

Cabinet is recommended to note the Key Decisions detailed below.

#### **1. Key Decisions taken by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services**

The following key decision was taken on 5 November 2014:

##### **Review of Library Opening Hours**

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services:

- (i) Approved the changes in opening hours at the libraries set out at the 29 libraries at Appendix 'A' to take effect as soon as possible from 1 January 2015
- (ii) Proposed and agreed to write to all County Councillors in the areas with affected libraries to seek their views.

#### **2. Key Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services and the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport**

The following decision was taken by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services on 5 November 2014 and the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport on 11 November 2014:

### **Preston Western Distributor Road and North West Preston East West Link Road. Public Consultation Report and Adoption of the Preferred Routes**

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport agreed that;

- (i) County Councillor Marcus Johnstone, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services be requested to adopt and safeguard the routes of the proposed Preston Western Distributor, East-West Link Road and Cottam Link Road as that shown on Appendix 'A' for development control purposes,
- (ii) Subject to approval of recommendation i. set out above, the routes, as shown on Appendix 'A', be approved and adopted as the route of the proposed Preston Western Distributor, East-West Link Road and Cottam Link Road,
- (iii) Preston City Council and Fylde Borough Council be notified that the routes shown on Appendix 'A' should be included in the Development Plan as the site of the proposed Preston Western Distributor, East-West Link Road and Cottam Link Road.

Subject to approval of recommendation i. above, The Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Cultural Services gave approval to adopt and safeguard the routes of the proposed Preston Western Distributor, East-West Link Road and Cottam Link Road as that shown on Appendix 'A' for development control purposes

### **3. Key Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services**

The following decision was taken on 11 November 2014:

#### **Re-commissioning Domiciliary Care for People with Learning Disabilities in Supported Living in Lancashire 2015 to 2020 under a Revised Framework**

The Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services:

- (i) Approved proposals for Re-commissioning and Procuring Learning Disability Supported living (Domiciliary care) services over a 3 year period with the option of a further 2 years under a revised Framework from June 2015 which place an emphasis on:

Commissioning Supported living (Domiciliary Care) Services which:

- Promote Personalisation;
- Become more outcome focussed and maximise independence;
- Support integrated working with other Health and Social Care services and organisations;

- Ensure the dignity of individuals and safeguards those who are vulnerable;
- Incorporate human rights and Mental Capacity Act obligations into decision making and commissioning and contracting practices;
- Supported living providers who wish to secure places on the revised Framework will need to sign up to the Driving Up Quality Code and Lancashire Values;
- Promoting co-production and federating to maintain and develop Lancashire's Learning Disability Supported Living workforce.
- Have a strong commitment to a range of monitoring of their service including
  - Self Monitoring
  - Peer Monitoring with other providers
  - Self Advocate & Family Monitoring

Changing the Council's approach to contracting so that:

- Providers are expected to support the principles of Self Directed Support and take greater responsibility in supporting individuals to exert choice and control over the use of their Personal Budgets;
- There is the adoption of a clear and robust approach to quality based on citizen derived standards, the co-produced 'Lancashire Values' and Key Performance Indicators, reliable monitoring and incentives to continually improve;
- A clear expectation that providers will work in partnership with the County Council to deliver Remodelling of Supported Living and reduce the reliance on formal paid support;
- The length of contracts offered for 3 years with the option to extend for a further 2 years. This will be subject to satisfactory progress and performance;
- Internal County Council arrangements for quality and contract management are redesigned to ensure consistently high performance is rewarded, mediocre or poor performance is swiftly challenged and consistently poor performance leads to contract termination.

Shaping the Market including:

- A culture of co-production and partnership working with Learning Disability Supported Living providers, operating under contracts from the County Council allowing for a more collaborative approach to working with commissioners and other providers.
- Offering contracts for future and recommissioned Supported Living (Domiciliary Care) business in specified geographic 'zones' to promote more efficient working across the system and closer integrated working.
- Allocating of new business to a smaller number of providers who achieve the higher quality threshold.

Flexibility is built in to design of the contracts to enable the introduction of new approaches and innovations in service delivery and payment mechanisms;

Investing in and developing Lancashire's Learning Disability Supported Living workforce by:

- Ensuring all Supported living providers are contractually obliged to follow compliance guidance from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) on paying National Minimum Wage (NMW);

- Endorsing the principles contained in Unison's "Ethical Care Charter for Home Care";
  - Working with local workforce and employers' representatives to draft a 'Lancashire Charter for Learning Disability Supported living',
  - Detailing annually updated commitments to:
    - National Minimum Wage Compliance at all times;
    - Minimising the use of Zero Hours contracts;
    - Hourly wage rates which converge towards the 'Living Wage'.
- (ii) Noted the details of the consultations undertaken with supported living providers, Self-advocates and Family Members and Stakeholders and the main findings set out at Appendices 'A' - 'D', the options considered as set out at Appendix 'E' and the Equality Analysis set out at Appendix 'F';
- (iii) Approved the establishment of a Learning Disability Supported Living Business Transitions Project Team to ensure the efficient, safe and timely management of changing from the current configuration of services to those set out in recommendation (i) above. This will be one Grade 10 post and one Grade 6 post for a period of 12 months.

#### **4. Key Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools and the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services**

The following decision was taken by the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools on the 6 November 2014 and the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services on 11 November 2014:

##### **Reconfiguration of Supporting People Funded Services**

The Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services:

- (i) Approved reduction of funding of floating support services by £1.558m (from £2.858m to £1.300m);
- (ii) Approved reduction of funding of supported lodging services by £0.100m from £0.462m to £0.362m;
- (iii) Approved the decommissioning of family intervention projects;
- (iv) Noted the approach which is being adopted to re-commissioning short term accommodation based services as set out in the report.

The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools approved the decommissioning of family intervention projects.

#### **5. Key Decision taken by the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing and the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services**

The following decision was taken by the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing on the 10 November 2014 and the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services on 11 November 2014:

##### **Commissioning of Integrated Home Improvement Services**

The Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services and the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing:

- (i) Noted the outcomes of the public and stakeholder consultations as set out in the report;
- (ii) Approved the proposals for the future funding and delivery of Integrated Home Improvement Services as set out in the report

### **List of Background Papers**

| Paper                          | Date                                  | Contact/Directorate/Tel                                      |
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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A