

COUNCIL
15 FEBRUARY 2018**REPORT OF CABINET - SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN**

Future provision of replacement care services for adults with a learning disability

1. The "Update on Commissioning of Adult Social Care Services" report presented to Cabinet on 18 June 2015 identified issues around the complexity of replacement care need, including the need to analyse future demand and supply requirements, and identified the fact that the cost of replacement care varies significantly across different parts of the market, again requiring further analysis. Work has therefore been progressed over the last two years to engage with the market and analyse replacement care needs across the county, to inform the future design of the service. The work to date has identified that there is currently more replacement care provision available than is required, based on the current needs of individuals in Worcestershire for a replacement care service. Long-term forecasts of future demand also show that the need for replacement care is likely to decrease gradually over time.

2. In order to continue to deliver the Learning Disability Strategy commitment for "an equitable and integrated replacement care commissioned service across Worcestershire" and to address some of the issues in relation to capacity and demand, the Cabinet has approved a proposed pre-consultation engagement with individuals using replacement care services, family carers, professionals and wider stakeholders, on how learning disability replacement care services should be delivered in the future. The Cabinet has also requested that a further report be brought to Cabinet in June 2018, with proposals to start formal consultation on future service delivery of replacement care across the county

Special Educational Need and/or a Disability (SEND) Strategy

3. Improving outcomes for vulnerable children and young people, which includes those with a special educational need and/or a disability (SEND), is a key priority within the Children and Young People's Plan and is dependent on, and expected of, effective partnership collaboration between strategic health bodies and the Council. The purpose of the SEND Strategy is to set out the case for change and how we plan to respond through five key priorities.

4. The Cabinet has approved the Special Educational Need and/or a Disability (SEND) Strategy and supported the vision and priorities under the corporate vision of improving outcomes for all children and young people by helping them to achieve their full potential in education.

Switch in hosting of Joint Museums Service

5. A Joint Museums Service between Worcestershire County Council and Worcester City Council was formed in 2010. It is governed by a Joint Committee under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Section 20 of the Local Government

Act 2000 and was established in 2010 after a detailed and independent examination of alternative forms of governance. The decision was made in 2009 that Worcestershire County Council would act as host authority for the service principally because of the respective capacity at the time of the two authorities' support services and to protect VAT cultural exemption benefits.

6. The drivers for the switch were that the City Council has more assets in the shared service, and has heritage as a key corporate priority. There is no proposal to change the Joint Committee governance model for the Joint Museums Service, with equal representation from both authorities. In September 2017, the County Council engaged a project consultant to oversee, on behalf of the Joint Museums Service, the compiling of business case into the one-off and ongoing costs and implications of a switch in hosting. Worcester City Council funded the costs of external pensions and VAT expertise to feed into this business case. The Joint Museums Committee reviewed the business case at its meeting on 24 January 2018 and resolved to recommend to both authorities that a switch in hosting of the Joint Museums Service be implemented.

7. The Cabinet has agreed the switch the hosting of the Joint Museums Service (Museums Worcestershire) from Worcestershire County Council to Worcester City Council, including the TUPE transfer of staff as laid out in the implementation timetable set out in the Cabinet report. The Cabinet authorised the recommended revisions to the legal agreement between Worcester City Council and Worcestershire County Council governing the Joint Museums Service. The Cabinet authorised in principle agreement to the dissolving of the Local Government Pensions Scheme ghost body for the Joint Museums Service (insofar as it is an executive function) and the consequences as set out in the Cabinet report, subject to further investigation detailing the costs and risk, with authority to make a final decision on behalf of the executive delegated to the Assistant Director for Families, Communities and Partnerships in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Joint Museums Committee.

Future use of the Grange, Kidderminster

8. The Grange is a 34 bedded residential care home in Kidderminster, although currently 20 beds are in use. People usually come to The Grange for up to four weeks of rehabilitation direct from hospital in order to regain skills, such as improvement in mobility, before returning to their own home or to alternative accommodation.

9. The Cabinet has endorsed the assessment made by the Director of Adult Services, based on market intelligence, that as the delivery of rehabilitation services will be primarily community-based there is no longer a need for retention of the Grange as a short-term recovery and rehabilitation unit, there is no material gain to the Council in closing The Grange as a care home and it should be retained as a strategic asset in the form of a long-term residential unit for people living with dementia, with five beds retained for short-term recovery and rehabilitation.

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

Agenda and background papers for the meetings of the Cabinet held on 8 February 2018.