

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND INTEGRATION TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2016

The hot issue in health and social care is sustainability and transformation plans (STPs).

Sustainability and transformation plans are NHS England's new proposal for the redesign of health and social care within a wider footprint (in our case Hampshire and the Isle of Wight). Fuller details are available in last week's paper to the Executive. As ever in these major reorganisation proposals there are some sound reasons for reviewing how we deliver services (primarily financial!) but the devil will be in the detail and, while we have given qualified support to the principle of STP, the plans are, as yet far too 'outline', and the council would be wise to seek far greater detail around the implications for our population before offering unqualified support for our local proposals.

At the time of writing, my understanding is that the final draft of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight proposal is likely to be available on the afternoon of Tuesday, 18 October and NHS England requires a response by 21 October. We are dealing with extraordinarily tight timescales and I fully expect that our response to the final paper will closely resemble that provided by the Executive to the draft paper we have already seen. I hope to be proved wrong and that the issues relating to, for example, the impact of changes in health upon social care and the extra cost burden to Island residents of accessing services on the mainland will have been appropriately addressed.

I would like to record my thanks to the Scrutiny Committee for a comprehensive and helpful report (and recommendations) following their investigation into Adult Social Care.

The Medium Term Financial Plan will be discussed on Wednesday and I urge all members to support the proposals contained therein. They may offer us a short term lifeline pending government consideration of a new fairer funding formula in 2019/20.

My report is short (as usual). Members have enough hugely important information to assimilate order to ensure that they are properly informed about the major issues before us on Wednesday.

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