

<b>Social Care, Health and Housing Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee: 22 November 2010</b>	
<b>Comments Regarding Savings Proposals contained within the Corporate Budget Strategy Report presented to Executive on 2 November 2010</b>	
At its meeting of 22 November 2010, the Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the viability and suitability of the specific savings proposals relating to the Social Care, Health and Housing Directorate. Detailed below are the outcomes of this meeting.	
<i>Social Care, Health and Housing</i>	
a.	<u>SCHH6 More Effective deployment of council resources across the reablement service and extra care housing</u>
	The Committee were informed that the Council currently provides a service of which unit costs are in excess of what is expected. It was noted that the service reconfiguration would provide the Council with an estimated saving of £200k during 2011/2012. Members queried if the negative aspects of this proposal reported in the press were refuted and if staff were informed of the various stages in the process. The Director informed members of the Committee that all staff have been encouraged to attend the road shows which could be used as a means of raising concerns from staff about service delivery.
	<b>RECOMMENDED that the Executive adopt the proposal to save the Council an estimated £200k based on the need to continue to inform staff of the varied proposals associated with the service reconfiguration.</b>
b.	<u>SCHH16 LuDun</u>
	The Committee were informed of the financial implications of the £300k subsidy referred to in the Executive Report. This is largely staffing related costs. The Trustees had determined that the current workshop was not meeting the objectives of the Trust Deed and that the building was not fit for purpose. The trustees are considering how in the future the objectives of the Trust can be achieved. The Trustees and the Council are willing to talk with other interested parties alternatives for LuDun. The Council has commenced consultation with employees and the other funders of LuDun on its proposals to remove the subsidy.
	<b>RECOMMENDED that the Executive adopt the proposal to make the saving of £300k</b>
c.	<u>SCHH 15 Modernisation of Day services for adults with Learning Disabilities</u>
	The Director informed the Committee of the changing make up of the learning disability population and therefore consideration needs to be given to whether the current investment in services is meeting current and future needs. The Committee were advised that there is increasing evidence that younger adults taking up personal budgets are not content with the current day services on offer in Central Bedfordshire. It was noted that the conventional day centre approach was rapidly becoming the

	<p>least preferred option. The Director informed the Committee that the Council can achieve the savings of £100,000. during the period 2011/2012, with further savings over the following two years. This would include consultation with our customers, carers, families and staff and would be a gradual move to more appropriate day opportunities. Customers would continue to receive care and support and that we would move away from one of the Council's current day services.</p>
	<p><b>RECOMMENDED that the Executive adopt the proposal in order to achieve £100,000 saving</b></p>
d.	<p><u>SCHH17 Reduction in the usage of residential care services</u></p>
	<p>The Committee discussed the implications of this proposal and the current cost and usage of the Care Placements for older people as the Council invests significantly more than its family group in residential care. The Director advised that the range of alternatives to residential care needed to be enhanced and investment targeted around support to older people with dementia. Customers would continue to be receive care and support in their own homes or sheltered accommodation as alternative to residential home admission.</p>
	<p><b>RECOMMENDED that the Executive adopt the proposal in order to achieve £1.050m savings.</b></p>
e.	<p><u>SCHH 18 Develop a joint approach to improved care and reablement services</u></p>
	<p>The Committee was informed that other Local Authorities and partner organisations had worked in partnership for a number of years and it would be a common sense approach for Central Bedfordshire Council to consider this way of working.</p>
	<p>It was noted that governance arrangements would need to be robust when working with partner organisations to avoid any hidden costs incurred by the Council.</p>
	<p><b>RECOMMENDED that the Executive adopt the proposal in order to achieve £250k savings. The Committee also requested that the phrase "service reduction" be changed to read "service reconfiguration"<sup>1</sup></b></p>

<sup>1</sup> Ref: <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=19925>  
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