

Decision Record – Consultation Plan for the re-structure of Supporting People Services (Housing Related Support) STC-G

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking the decision	Cllr Jose Compton Adult Social Care
Date of Decision (not before: 22 nd August 2014)	22/08/2014

Decision Taken

That the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care agrees the consultation plan and that the consultation begins on 8th September 2014.

Reasons for Decisions

A proposed re-structure of Housing Related Support services has been developed that is intended to achieve the budget reduction agreed by council. This proposal is intended to ensure that future services prevent homelessness and/or escalating needs for care services for those who are eligible for support through Fair Access to Care services (FACs) or who are 'on the edge of care'. Further details are included in the proposed decision report.

Background Information

Housing Related Support (formerly known as Supporting People) is non-statutory service provision offered to adults aged 16 years and over across Warwickshire. Until 2009, funding was provided for the Supporting People programme through a ring-fenced grant from the Department for Communities and Local Government. From 2009, the ring fence was removed from the funding and grant conditions were no longer applicable.

The primary outcome of the service programme is to prevent homelessness and/or repeat homelessness and improve the ability of vulnerable customers to live independently in the community. Key to the achievement of these outcomes is the ability of services to work with customers to gain and/or maintain suitable accommodation.

Services can offer a range of support activities including, but not limited to, financial capability/budgeting, maximising income (including Welfare Benefits), liaising with landlord regarding tenancy agreement, maintaining physical and/or mental health, managing substance misuse, preventing harm, improving opportunities through education, training and employment.

Services currently provide support to a wide range of customers, including Older People with support needs, care leavers, young people at risk of homelessness, adult offenders, homeless families and single homeless people with support needs, people experiencing domestic abuse, people with drug and/or alcohol misuse problems, people living with mental ill health, people with physical and/or sensory impairment and people with generic housing related supports needs.

There are currently 103 contracts that provide housing related support services, either through an accommodation based or floating support service model. This is delivered by 45 individual providers who are either Local Housing Authorities or not for profit organisations. There is also some WCC in-house provision.

Financial Implications

As outlined in the report.

Report Author	Sue Green
Head of Service	Christine Lewington
Strategic Director	Wendy Fabbro
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Jose Compton

Checklist

Urgent matter?	No
Confidential or Exempt? (State the category of exempt information)	No
Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework?	No

List of Reports considered - please include link to the report

Link to published proposed decision report:

<https://democratic.warwickshire.gov.uk/cm5/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/645/Meeting/3050/Committee/552/Default.aspx>

List of Background Papers - please include a contact for access to background papers

None.

Members and officers consulted or informed – please include any comments

Portfolio Holder – Councillor Jose Compton
 Legal – Alison Hallworth, Jane Pollard
 Finance – Chris Norton
 Equality – Minakshee Patel
 Democratic Services – Georgina Atkinson

Adult Social Care & Health OSC – party spokes:

Councillors Mike Perry, Maggie O'Rourke, Caroline Phillips and Kate Rolfe