Report of the Cabinet Member Adult Social Care and Health Services

I have been asked to report by Councillor Westlake, as follows:

.....'on the potential impact of the Devon Sustainable Transformation Plan on the Adult service budget and future delivery of services'

by Councillor Greenslade,

.....'on the NHS Success Regime project for Devon and the draft STP and also the future of care services currently provided at Rosebank, Barnstaple'

STP & Impact on Adult Services Budget / Future Delivery of Services

Councillor Westlake will be aware of the significant work that both Health and Wellbeing and People Scrutiny Committees are doing to look more closely at the greater Devon STP, the expectation of the work they are doing will help provide answers to the question being asked. They already have plans for reports and debates at future meetings.

To help the scrutiny process I hosted a meeting on 11th August, to which all DCC Scrutiny Chairs from Health, Peoples and Corporate Services Scrutiny Committees were invited. During the morning session they heard a briefing from three Leaders of the Success Regime about the upcoming Your Future Care consultation. At the afternoon session they were joined by the equivalent members and officers from the other Devon authorities, Plymouth and Torbay, to hear a presentation on the Sustainability and Transformation Plan because it is based on a wider Devon footprint. At the conclusion of the meeting I suggested that they discussed a joint scrutiny approach because any part of the STP has the potential to affect all the partners. The result of this was agreement to initially hold a joint scrutiny Spotlight Review which took place yesterday, Wednesday. There is also a Masterclass planned for all DCC members about the STP on the morning of Tuesday 8th November. I very much welcome and thank scrutiny for the work they are doing and await their reports which will help answer the question asked.

It is important that members understand more about the STP, and how it is to be developed because it will impact on future of health and care in Devon including how the financial challenges of both DCC and the NHS can be better addressed. Scrutiny will be playing a key part in helping to develop and examine any actions that come out of the STP and the current joint work and the recommendations made at the last Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny meeting indicate that they have this work in hand. Healthwatch have been fully engaged in the work to date and have helped shape proposals and will be involved in the formation of public engagement.

The impact will depend on how well we work together as a health and care system including the wider council? Members can see that any premature action, which could affect how all the partners work together to deliver better and more effective outcomes for people in Devon to promote a new model of care that promotes independence for communities and individuals.

There has been a long lead in to get to the current position. The coalition government Care Minister Paul Burstow and his successor Norman Lamb had policy direction to ensure NHS and Local Authorities become more integrated. They often spoke about proposals to combine health and care into a single service. The STP can be seen in the context of requiring all the partners to plan how they will jointly spend the money being allocated in a way which meets the needs of people requiring health and or social care.

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The NHS Success Regime project for Devon and the draft STP

In answer to this request, this was also the subject of Councillors questions so I would refer members to answers previously given.

Care Services at Rosebank, Barnstaple.

Devon County Council's Rose Bank day service for older people in Barnstaple will relocate to the Silver Hill day centre in the town this November.

Current service users are relocating from Rosebank to Silver Hill where the service will operate from Tuesday to Friday. People attending Rosebank and their families have had the opportunity to discuss any preferred attendance. There is currently consideration as to where the social workers and support services will be located in the Barnstaple area.

Usage of Rosebank is currently at 62%. It is therefore worth noting that with people having choices now of what they might want to do during the day, many are choosing to do other things rather than attend traditional day centres. This has meant fewer people are choosing to attend day centres. Bringing the two day services into the one building allows us to focus our resources to provide a fuller and more engaging range of activities for people. The size of the building allows separation of the two services in a similar way to the separation that has existed for some time at the Rosebank site.

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