

Further information on recommendations from overview and scrutiny on 31 January 2011

Recommendation	Further information
<p>That the cabinet work with Community Action Southwark in setting criteria and managing the distribution of the transition fund for voluntary sector funding</p>	<p>The proposed protocols and criteria for the voluntary sector transition fund are set out at Appendix G within this report.</p>
<p>That cabinet consider how to involve voluntary organisations in strategic discussions about the commissioning of adult social care services</p>	<p>Commissioning strategies for services have previously been developed with involvement from stakeholders, including service users and carers through the Service User & Carer Panel, Partnership Boards and Carers' Strategic Group. VCS organisations are represented in all of our Partnership Boards and on the Carer's Strategic Group. These strategies included recognition of priorities identified through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). Work is now underway to refresh the JSNA for Southwark and the adult social care commissioning team is feeding into that process so that we can continue to make and manage these links.</p> <p>A monthly Support & Care Market Forum was established by council officers working in commissioning in Southwark in August 2010, open to all existing and potential providers across all services – this includes a number of VCS organisations. The aim of this Forum is to share ideas and best practice, and provide an opportunity for discussion around key issues, such as business models and planning and workforce development. Recent sessions have covered areas such as day services provision, the vision for adult social care in Southwark, support planning and adapting and planning for personalisation, all of which are key for the future commissioning of services in Southwark. The sessions provide opportunities for attendees to engage directly with council officers.</p> <p>We recognise the importance of making sure that all our mechanisms for engaging with stakeholders, including service users, carers and other providers, as well as VCS organisations, are effective and have a clear role as we move forward into what will undoubtedly be a challenging period for public services. We are therefore seeking to review our existing channels of engagement to make sure that they are fit for purpose and it is clear to all involved how their input is being used and considered when decisions are made, particularly in the medium to long term.</p> <p>In terms of the budget proposals, our proposals sit broadly within our overall vision for the future of adult social care in Southwark, which we are also developing. This draft vision has been discussed with a range of stakeholder groups in draft form to help support its development and seek input on the overall approach and direction. Feedback from these sessions is to be used to refine and finalise the vision before it is sent to Cabinet for a decision. Again, VCS organisations have been part of these discussions.</p>

	<p>Furthermore, we are committed to ensuring that we consult and engage with people on the implementation of any budget proposals. We have already published a consultation on the future of open access services, particularly lunch clubs, day services and advice, information and befriending projects in the borough, many of which are currently provided by VCS organisations.</p> <p>This consultation suggests a way forward to support the vision for adult social care and also make some required significant savings and invites organisations to participate in making suggestions for how best this work can be taken forward. It also seeks to engage them in understanding the council's focus for the future and what this means for the types of services providers offer so that they can shape proposals and services appropriately.</p> <p>All of this work sits in the wider context of the council as a whole continuing to work in partnership with the voluntary sector to support organisations to become more self-sustaining.</p> <p>We will continue to engage and consult on proposals as we move forward and in line with any cabinet decisions on the budget report.</p>
<p>That cabinet clarify the purposes of the £1 million youth fund allocation made on 25 January 2011, including the fair and cost-effective administration of support for individuals</p>	<p>£1m will be allocated each year for the duration of the three year budget to support young people, in particular for the mitigation of the high youth unemployment in the borough and the impact of the removal of education maintenance allowances.</p> <p>The detailed proposals to support this resource will be presented to cabinet for their approval at their meeting on 22 March 2011.</p>
<p>That the cabinet member for children's services update the education & children's services scrutiny sub-committee on how she will involve young people in the redesign of the youth service</p>	<p>Cabinet are asked to consider this as part of budget setting and implementation for 2011/12</p>
<p>That cabinet explore making wider use of volunteers in the community to help support and mentor parents and families experiencing problems</p>	<p>Cabinet are asked to consider this as part of budget setting and implementation for 2011/12</p>
<p>That if the cabinet is minded to create</p>	<p>Cabinet are asked to consider this as part of budget setting and implementation for 2011/12</p>

<p>a voluntary redundancy scheme and/or a redeployment pool then it considers a thorough report, including advantages and disadvantages both for staff and the council and including full information on costs and funding</p>	
<p>That cabinet carry out a review of senior officers pay, in accordance with the principle in paragraph 236 of the report to review top pay, and report back to overview & scrutiny committee</p>	<p>There some underlying principles that the Council will aim to maintain through this period of significant change whilst trying to ease the financial pressures over the medium term, which form part of the draft medium term resources strategy. One of these principles is to review top pay in line with Hutton inquiry report (due March 2011); and review the application of terms and conditions and discretionary elements to ensure they are contemporary and fit for purpose.</p>
<p>Given that the sports development budget will be reduced to zero in 2013/14, that cabinet is urged to consider an adequate revenue budget going forward to support sports development, including the Community Games, and making sensible use of the capital allocation for the Olympic Legacy fund</p>	<p>Cabinet are asked to consider this as part of budget setting and implementation for 2011/12</p>
<p>That before implementing any changes for residents parking charges based on vehicle emissions or second or third cars, cabinet consult via Community Councils on detailed proposals</p>	<p>Cabinet are asked to consider this as part of budget setting and implementation for 2011/12</p>