Explanatory Notes

A report went to NCC Cabinet meeting in November 2016 that detailed the proposals around the new Target Operating Model.

Anyone can read the full report and its appendix as they are on the NCC website under Item 16 on this link – click here

The main points of the proposal are:

1) A new delivery vehicle is formed bringing together Adult Social Care and Olympus Care Services. The current proposal is that this organisation is called Northamptonshire Adult Social Services (NASS). NASS will be a company limited by guarantee and it will be a wholly owned subsidiary of the Council. NASS will directly deliver services, unless there is a need for highly specialist provision that is best provided by others. This will reduce the time and cost of external commissioning, removing the duplication of management costs, and give flexibility for swift change.

2) Under this umbrella there will be two organisations. Olympus Care Services will retain its income generation ability and NASS will cover all other activity. This will provide the opportunity to generate income and build on the already good foundation built by OCS for traded services. The Council can sell these services to other authorities to maximise income and incentivise the market.

3) NASS will provide opportunities to form joint arrangements with health partners for services to specific customer groups or cohorts.

4) The Council will commission NASS to deliver specified outcomes within a financial envelope. NASS’s performance will be monitored and be reported to the Council.

5) This arrangement will not transfer the accountability held by the Council to deliver its statutory and regulated functions for services to vulnerable to eligible adults and their carers, nor will it remove the statutory accountabilities of the lead member for adult services, nor the Director for Adults Social Services (the DASS).

6) It is anticipated that the new organisation will come into operation on 1st April 2017.
7) It is not anticipated that customers or service users will be impacted by any of these proposals, however this consultation is being carried out to ensure that everyone are fully aware and have the opportunity to question and contribute to the final plans.