

PUBLIC

**MINUTES** of a meeting of **CABINET** held on Thursday, 10 February 2022 at Members Room, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG.

**PRESENT**

Councillor B Lewis (in the Chair)

Councillors S Spencer, C Hart, T King, J Patten, K S Athwal and N Hoy.

Apologies for absence were submitted for Councillor A Dale and C Renwick.

Officers present: Emma Alexander (Managing Director), Helen Barrington (Director - Legal and Democratic Services), Carol Cammiss (Executive Director - Children's Services), Alec Dubberley (Head of Democratic and Registration Services), Peter Handford (Director Of Finance and ICT), Chris Henning (Executive Director - Place) and Helen Jones (Executive Director - Adult Social Care and Health).

**29/22     TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**30/22     TO CONSIDER MINORITY GROUP LEADER QUESTIONS (IF ANY)**

No questions were received.

**31/22     TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CABINET HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2022**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record.

**32/22     LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA) CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE FOLLOW UP VISIT - CORPORATE HEALTH CHECK FEEDBACK REPORT**

Councillor B Lewis introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, presenting the Local Government Association's Corporate Peer Challenge Follow Up Visit/Corporate Health Check Feedback Report.

Councillor Lewis explained that this was the follow up visit to the full peer challenge carried out in 2019 and was done later than anticipated due to

the covid-19 pandemic. He set out the conclusions drawn from the review and the process that the peer challenge team followed.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Approve the Corporate Peer Challenge Follow Up Visit/Corporate Health Check Feedback Report for publication;
- 2) Note the areas of success articulated by the Peer Team and celebrate the progress and improvement journey made by the Council over the last three years;
- 3) Note the areas for further consideration by the Council over the coming period and the recommendations made by the LGA Peer Team as set out in the report;
- 4) Agree the outlined next steps to address recommendations as set out in the report and proposed alignment with the development of the Council Plan refresh 2022-23; and
- 5) Request a further update on progress in due course.

**33/22      FORWARD PLAN**

Consideration was given to a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, presenting the latest draft of the Executive's Forward Plan.

**RESOLVED:**

To note the contents of the Forward Plan attached at Appendix 2 to the report.

**34/22      RE PROCUREMENT OF NICOTINE REPLACEMENT THERAPY CONTRACT**

Councillor C Hart introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking approval to increase the financial value of the Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) budget on the forward plan of procurements in the Adult Social Care and Health Service Plan 2017-2021.

Councillor Hart explained that recommendation in the report needed to be amended because the stop smoking services would now be delivered by the Live Life Better Derbyshire rather than the NHS. This would therefore result in the value of the procurement being higher than

anticipated at £5 million, although total spend was unlikely to reach this level.

**RESOLVED:**

To approve the increase in the financial value of the Nicotine replacement Therapy (NRT) budget on the forward plan of procurements in the Adult Social Care and Health Service Plan 2017-2021 from £1.25million to £5 million over the 5 years of the new contract for the reasons set out in the report.

**35/22      REIMBURSEMENT OF STOP SMOKING PHARMACOTHERAPY COST**

Councillor C Hart introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking authorisation to change arrangements for the reimbursement of the costs of stop smoking pharmacotherapy services.

Councillor Hart explained that the report would enable the process for the reimbursements of these costs to be done through officer delegation rather than a cabinet report which was a more efficient way of achieving the same outcome.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) To approve the reimbursement of prescription only smoking cessation pharmacotherapy product costs (Champix and Zyban only) to the Derby and Derbyshire CCG to a maximum cost of £326,150;
- 2) To approve the delegation of authority to the Director of Public Health to authorise the reimbursement of stop smoking pharmacotherapy products available on prescription only from the financial year 2023-24 onwards; and
- 3) That subject to the approval of the delegation, to note that the Monitoring Officer and Director of Legal and Democratic Services has the authority to include this delegation in Appendix A to Appendix 1 of the Constitution – Responsibility for Functions and will report the amendment to the Governance, Ethics and Standards Committee and Full Council for noting.

**36/22      NATIONAL FLOOD RESILIENCE FRAMEWORK (LOT 2 - SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF PROPERTY FLOOD RESILIENCE MEASURES)**

Councillor Athwal introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, giving notice of the urgent decision taken by the Executive Director – Place to utilise Lot 2 of the Environment Agency’s National Property Flood Resilience Framework.

Councillor Athwal explained that the decision was taken urgently to due to the tight timescales required to make flood modifications to a number of homes.

**RESOLVED:**

To note the urgent decision taken by the Executive Director – Place to utilise Lot 2 of the Environment Agency’s National Property Flood Resilience Framework.

**37/22      CHILDREN'S SERVICES DETERMINED ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS 2023 - 2024**

Councillor J Patten introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking Cabinet approval for the proposed determined admission arrangements for the academic year 2023/24 following the required public consultation.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Note the outcome of the consultation; and
- 2) Approve the proposed determined admission arrangements for the academic year 2023/2024.

**38/22      RETENTION PAYMENTS FOR HOMECARE WORKERS IN PRIVATE, VOLUNTARY, AND INDEPENDENT MARKET**

Councillor N Hoy introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking Cabinet endorsement of an Officer Decision to administer a one-off grant to registered domiciliary care providers in the private, voluntary and independent markets in Derbyshire to pay a retention payment to workers remaining employed by their organisation through the winter months.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Note the challenging position of Adult Social Care regarding sufficiency in the homecare market;
- 2) Note the receipt of the funding provided by Derby City and Derbyshire Clinical

Commissioning Group and support the use of this to fund retention payments to homecare workers in Derbyshire's Private, Voluntary, and Independent sector; and

- 3) Note and support the decision made by the Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Health, to make retention payments to homecare workers employed in the Private, Voluntary, and Independent sector.

## **39/22      ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

Councillor N Hoy introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking approval to carry out a ten week consultation exercise on the future provision of the Assistive Technology service for all community alarm only clients.

Councillor Hoy added that this type of Assistive Technology had potentially life changing benefits for residents, so it was important that this consultation was carried out effectively.

### **RESOLVED to**

- 1) Note the proposals to be consulted upon;
- 2) Approve a ten-week consultation exercise on the proposed changes to the provision of the Assistive Technology service for all community alarm only clients to include details of the proposed eligibility criteria and funding arrangements; and
- 3) Request a further report to inform Members if the outcome of the consultation exercise.

## **40/22      DERBYSHIRE SECOND HOMES PROGRAMME**

Councillor N Hoy introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking approval for funding low level support from the second homes budget.

### **RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Approve the Second Homes Programme covering the use of £0.552m from the Second Homes budget for Amber Valley, Derbyshire Dales, High Peak and South Derbyshire District / Borough Councils for 2021 – 2023; and
- 2) Note the intention to review Second Homes Programme funding with key partners during the next 12 to 18 months alongside a proposed review of Low Level Practical Support funded by Adult

Social Care.

**41/22     EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:**

That under Regulation 4(2)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, the public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining items of business on the grounds that in view of the nature of the items of business, that if members of the public were present, exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed to them.

**42/22     TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY)**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**43/22     TO CONSIDER MINORITY GROUP LEADER QUESTIONS (IF ANY)**

No questions were received.

**44/22     TO CONFIRM THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CABINET HELD ON 13 JANUARY 2022**

**RESOLVED:**

That the exempt minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record.

**45/22     PROJECT ADVISORS - EXTERNAL SUPPORT**

Councillor S Spencer introduced a not for publication report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking Cabinet approval to fund additional external advisors for a number of Council projects.

**RESOLVED:**

To approve the recommendations in the not for publication report.

**46/22     RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION FRAMEWORK CONTRACT EXTENSION**

Councillor Hart introduced a not for publication report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, requesting an extension to the Residential Rehabilitation Framework Contract for a period of one year.

**RESOLVED:**

To approve the one-year extension to the Residential Rehabilitation Framework Contract on the terms detailed in the not for publication report.

The meeting finished at 3.25 pm