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MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – ADULT CARE** held on 16 September 2021

PRESENT

Councillor N Hoy (in the Chair)

Also in attendance was Councillor D Muller.

No apologies for absence had been received.

35/21 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 August 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

36/21 **REVIEW OF URGENT OFFICER DECISIONS TAKEN TO SUPPORT THE COVID-19 RESPONSE** The challenges relating to the COVID-19 pandemic had necessitated urgent decision-making processes by the Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Health to be implemented to ensure the welfare of service users and the public and to safeguard the interests of the Council. The decisions had been made under the urgent delegated powers to Executive Directors as set out in the Constitution.

The report detailed summary updates on the reviews taken place since the last Cabinet Member meeting on 25 August 2021. All review decisions had been discussed with the Executive Director and Cabinet Member following review by Senior Management Team. A copy of the most up to date version of the Officer Decision Records was attached at Appendix 1.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member (1) note the latest position following the review of decisions made under urgent delegated powers arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic; and (2) confirmed the arrangement to allow for future review decisions to be made on a fortnightly basis by the Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Health. A summary of which would be contained within the report monthly from 24 June 2021 onwards.

37/21 **PERFORMANCE AND REVENUE OUTTURN 2020-21**

The Cabinet Member had been provided with an update of the Council Plan performance position and the revenue outturn position of the Adult Care portfolio for 2020-21.

The report presented both financial and Council Plan performance data. The performance summary set out progress on the Council Plan deliverables and measures led by the Adult Care portfolio. The remainder of the report gave a summary and detail on the revenue outturn position for the portfolio.

Progress had been "good" for the majority of the Council Plan deliverables led by the portfolio, however the deliverables "Review care and support offer", "Delayed transfers of care" and "Adult care homes" had been flagged as "requiring review". After the use of additional Covid-19 funding, the outturn position for 2020-21 was an underspend of £15.870m. It had been calculated that £1.463m of savings had been achieved by the year end. This compared to target savings of £3.357m and the value of savings initiatives, which had been identified for implementation in the current year, of £0.919m.

In addition to any use of earmarked reserves, the outturn position included the following significant items of one-off income: £14.317m - This income from Health was to fund all hospital discharge care packages; and £22.781m - Additional Covid-related ring-fenced grants.

The profile of the debt raised, relating to income receivable by services within the Adult Social Care and Health department, had been outlined within the report. In addition, at the end of March 2021 there was a further £3.201m of debt relating to residential and co-funding charges that had not been invoiced. In the year up to 31 March 2021 the value of debt that had been written off totalled £0.217m.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member note the report and considered whether there were any further actions that should be undertaken to address performance, where it had not met the desired level.

38/21 PERFORMANCE AND BUDGET MONITORING/FORECAST
OUTTURN 2021-22 AS AT QUARTER 1

The Cabinet Member had been provided with an update of the Council Plan performance position and the revenue budget position of the Adult Care portfolio for 2021-22 up to the end of June 2021 (Quarter 1).

The report presented both financial and Council Plan performance data. The performance summary set out progress on the Council Plan deliverables and measures led by the Adult Care portfolio. The remainder of the report gave a summary and detail on the revenue budget position for the portfolio. As an overview, the report showed that progress had been "good" for all of the Council Plan deliverables led by the portfolio. After the use of additional Covid-19 funding, the budget forecast position for 2021-22 was an overspend of £1.038m. It had been forecast that £5.122m of savings would have been achieved by the year end. This compared to target savings of £9.335m and the value of savings initiatives, which had been identified for implementation in the current year, of £5.664m.

In addition to any use of earmarked reserves, the forecast outturn position included the following significant items of one-off income: £8.604m – This income from Health was to fund all hospital discharge care packages;

£5.293m - Additional Covid-related ring-fenced grants; and £18.558m - Covid-19 Expenditure.

The profile of the debt raised, relating to income receivable by services within the Adult Social Care and Health department, had been outlined within the report. In addition, at the end of June 2021 there was a further £3.803m of debt relating to residential and co-funding charges that had not been invoiced. In the year up to 30 June 2021 the value of debt that has been written off totals £0.224m.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member note the report and considered whether there were any further actions that should be undertaken to address performance, where it had not met the desired level.