

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – ADULT CARE** held on 15 August 2019 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor J Wharmby (in the Chair)

Also in attendance were Councillors C Dale, and J Twigg

13/19 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

14/19 **REVENUE OUTTURN 2018-19** There was an underspend of £9.483m on controllable expenditure. The main variations were:

Service	(Under)/Over Spend £m	Main Reasons for Outturn Position
Purchased Services (All Client Groups including both Independent Sector and In-House Services)	(1.802)	Under-spend achieved through demand management and a successful reclaim of costs from another local authority following a successful ordinary residency claim
Pooled Equipment (ICES)	(1.416)	Savings made on the Integrated Community Equipment Service pooled with the Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Groups
Social Care Activity	(1.428)	High level of vacancies due to difficulty in recruiting staff
Information and Early Intervention	(0.884)	Savings on various schemes including Commissioned Carer Services, Healthwatch, Dementia Services and Direct Payment Employment Support
Commissioning and Service Delivery	(0.715)	Vacancy management and efficiency measures
Housing Related Support	(0.913)	Under-utilisation on a number of spot contracts
Unallocated Budgets	(2.032)	Balance of budget growth not allocated to services

Any significant changes were included in the 2018-19 budget as growth items, detailing each amount and where the funds had been raised from.

A detailed analysis of the earmarked reserves was shown below.

	Opening Balance £m	Additions £m	Used/ Returned £m	Closing Balance £m
ICT System Replacement Reserve	0.250	0.000	0.000	0.250
Budget Savings Shortfall Reserve	3.161	0.000	(3.161)	0.000
Budget Savings Pump Priming	0.771	0.000	(0.771)	0.000
Healthy Homes	0.000	0.098	(0.065)	0.033
Older People's Housing Strategy	0.000	22.676	0.000	22.676
	4.182	22.774	(3.997)	22.959

The earmarked reserves had been reviewed and all were required to meet commitment already agreed for 2019-20 onwards.

Savings were achieved in 2018-19 in the following areas:-

	£m
On-Going Savings	
Consolidate Block Contracts	0.200
Reduction in Commissioning & Performance Staffing	0.225
Demand Management	2.500
Use of Improved Better Care Fund	3.170
	6.095

The start of year projection for the 2019-20 position was as follows:

	£m
Underlying underspend from 2018-19	(9.483)
Add; Additional Funding:	
Adult Social Care Precept	(6.290)
Improved Better Care Fund	(6.148)
Less; Additional Commitments/Pressures	
Budget Savings Target	5.732
Independent Sector Fee Increases	8.567
Pay Award	3.385
Total Budget Available	(4.237)
Savings already identified (see below)	(5.732)
Underlying Budget Position	(9.969)

However, there were significant further budget pressures arising from the following:

- Transforming Care Programme (TCP)
 - Learning Disability
 - Mental Health
- Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention Programme (QIPP)
- Learning Disability Short Breaks

To date it had not been possible to quantify the above, but work was continuing to further understand the potential financial impact on the department.

A number of actions were to be taken to deal with the Budget Pressures for 2019-20, the actions in progress were:

	£m
Electronic Home Care Recording	0.350
Saving on LD Block Contracts and High Cost Placements	0.500
Use of the Improved Better Care Fund to support Adult Care Services	4.882
Total Savings Identified	5.732

A number of significant funding sources were due to cease at the end of 2019-20 as follows:

	£m
Better Care Fund	39.944
Improved Better Care Fund	31.055
Winter Pressures Grant	3.627
Independent Living Fund Grant	2.534
Total	77.160

Although it was expected that new sources of funding would replace the items above, there was no guarantee that these would be at the same level and there was a potential risk of further budget pressures from 2020-21 onwards.

At cabinet on 11 July 2019 approval was given to transfer £7.324m of the underspend of £9.483m to a reserve to contribute towards the capital cost of implementing the Older People's Housing Strategy with the remaining balance of £2.160m transferred to the Budget Savings Pump Priming Reserve.

RESOLVED that (1) the report be noted; and (2) the use of 2018/19 underspends be noted.

15/19 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC RESOLVED** that the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items on the agenda to avoid the disclosure of the kind of exempt information detailed in the following summary of proceedings:-

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CONDUCTED AFTER THE PUBLIC WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING

1. To confirm the exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Adult Care held on 13 June 2019.