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MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – ADULT CARE** held on 19 September 2019 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor J Wharmby (in the Chair)

Also in attendance were Councillors C Dale, and J Twigg.

17/19 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 August 2019 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

18/19 **BUDGET MONITORING 2019-20 PERIOD 3** The net controllable budget for the Adult Care portfolio was £252.712m.

The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement indicated that there was a projected year-end underspend of £4.628m. In addition there was an estimated increase in the Better Care Fund of £1.350m. After the additional funding the forecast position was an underspend of £5.978m. Due to the high projected underspend, it was proposed that base budget of £5m be transferred back to Corporate.

The significant areas which made up this projection were shown in the table below:

	Controllable Budget £m	Projected Actuals £m	Forecast Over/(Under) Spend £m
Purchased Services	216.108	219.249	3.141
Assistive Technology & Equipment	7.354	5.453	(1.901)
Social Care Activity	23.622	23.141	(0.481)
Information & Early Intervention	14.256	14.015	(0.241)
Commissioning & Service Delivery	14.259	13.812	(0.447)
Health Funding	(26.694)	(27.586)	(0.892)
Unallocated Budgets	3.807	0.000	(3.807)
Total	252.712	248.084	(4.628)

The Budget Savings Targets were as follows:

	£m
Unachieved brought forward from previous year	0.000
Current Year Allocation	5.732
Total Target	5.732
Total Identified	5.732
(Shortfall)/Additional Identified Savings	0.000
Forecast to be Achieved by Financial Year End	5.703
Actual (Shortfall)/Additional Savings Target	(0.029)

Earmarked reserves totalling £32.443m were currently held to support future expenditure with the largest amount of 30m in the Older People's Housing Strategy.

The profile of the debt raised, relating to income receivable by services within the Adult Social Care and Health department, was as follows:

0 - 30 Days £m	31 - 365 Days £m	1 - 2 Years £m	2 - 3 Years £m	3 - 4 Years £m	4 - 5 Years £m	Over 5 Years £m	Total £m
1.045	6.682	1.246	0.826	0.326	0.248	0.371	10.744
9.7%	62.2%	11.6%	7.7%	3.0%	2.3%	3.5%	100.0%

In addition, at the end of June 2019 there was a further £2.525m of debt relating to residential and co-funding charges that had not been invoiced.

In the 12 months up to the end of June 2019 the value of debt that had been written off totalled £0.360m.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member note the report.

19/19 SPECIALIST ACCOMODATION AND SUPPORT STRATEGY FOR DERBYSHIRE 2019-2024

The strategic aim was to reduce the number of people with complex needs in hospital and institutional settings. Additionally, the aim was to reduce the cohort of people placed in residential and institutional care outside of Derbyshire.

There were people with behaviours that challenged services residing in NHS England Specialist Commissioned inpatient settings and Section 117. Clients who were in long stay rehabilitation placements, often outside Derbyshire, who we wished to repatriate back into the county.

There were approximately 43 Transforming Care inpatients along with 37 patients in out of area long term specialist mental health rehabilitation units who would require specialist re-housing and support over the next few years. There were also approximately 480 high risk people supervised by the National Probation Service in Derbyshire, who often presented with mental ill health and/or a learning disability or autism and/or substance misuse.

The strategy aimed to reduce the number of people with complex needs living in residential care and increase the number of people living independently in the community and would require all partners working together in a co-ordinated way. The five year Specialist Accommodation and Support Strategy and accompanying draft delivery plan, outlined this approach for people with complex needs and further information of how this would be delivered was outlined in the attached strategy.

The commissioning strategy and draft delivery plan was part of a wider transformation programme to improve community care for people with complex needs. It brought together previous specialist accommodation and support plans across mental health, Autism and learning disabilities.

The strategy outlined details of a number of design standards and specialist accommodation requirements that were tailored to the needs of this complex cohort of people. Some existing provision could be re-shaped to better meet the design or quality standards and make them more sustainable and fit for purpose for the future.

The success of the strategy was dependent on the further development of integrated community specialist services and support. Proposals for better joint working with the recently restructured Derby and Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) were ongoing, including the development of enhanced community support services to improve outcomes for individuals.

Due to the complexities of the individuals who required accommodation and support a number of different delivery models would be required. It was proposed that the delivery plan would be refreshed on an annual basis to ensure it remained relevant to the people who required our assistance. This would also enable progress of the delivery plan to be monitored and to also take advantage of any potential new opportunities, such as new funding streams. Throughout the strategy implementation, we would seek to maximise opportunities from external funding bodies to support a more commercially minded, enterprising and innovative approach to implementation of the recommendations.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member approved the implementation of the Specialist Accommodation and Support Strategy for Derbyshire 2019 – 2024 and the associated initial delivery plan contained within it.

20/19 SAFE PLACES SCHEME The Safe Places Scheme aimed to support vulnerable people with learning disabilities and or Autism and dementia, who feel unsafe or at risk of abuse by providing places of safety. It developed places of safety across Derbyshire for people with learning disabilities and or Autism to access while out and about in the community, if they should feel unwell, confused, threatened or are in trouble. The DCC libraries are Safe Places, as are a number of shops, cafes and offices of supportive organisations. At present, there are 219 Safe Places registered.

The scheme provided Keep Safe Cards to people with a learning disability, which tells staff at Keep Safe venues, the personal information, and emergency contact details of the person they would want to be told if they were in trouble. The card also has space for the cardholder to write information about any medication they take, how they prefer to communicate and anything else they might want someone to know about them. There were 1,301 cards in circulation.

The Safe Places Scheme was managed by the Adult Care Prevention Team. It was supported by MacIntyre (a charity for people with learning disabilities and or Autism). MacIntyre identify, train, encourage, and support people with learning disabilities, who were able and willing to take part in the development and implementation of the scheme.

The targets for the Keep Safe Scheme over the next 12 months were to add 30 new Safe Places and to issue 250 new Keeping Safe Cards.

The grant would enable the Prevention Team to achieve the stated targets by funding the delivery of a range of activity, co-produced with people with learning disabilities and or Autism, to grow the Safe Places Scheme. It would fund the delivery of:

- 16 x Staying Safe workshops by people with learning disabilities for people with learning disabilities;
- 2 x Easy read Staying Safe Fact Sheets (reviewed and distributed);
- Training and on-going development for Keep Safe Champions (people with Learning Disabilities);
- 30 x Safe Place awareness raising sessions to staff in Safe Places;
- 5 x walk-a-bouts in targeted towns/villages, to raise awareness about Safe Places and encourage take-up of new Safe Places;
- 5 x mystery shopping exercises to check Safe Places are functioning as required.

The effectiveness of the scheme would be monitored over the 12 month grant period, including how often Safe Places were used by people with learning disabilities and under what circumstances.

The Safe Places Scheme would support the reshaping of the Council's Day Care Offer for People who have a Learning Disability and/or Autism as approved by Cabinet on 6th June 2019. This significant change programme was based upon the progression model, which was a person centred development approach for people with a learning disability and/or Autism, where support was designed to enable people to be as independent as they are able and to be more active participants within their local communities. This would include enabling people with a learning disability and/or Autism, moving away from building based care to being out and about in their communities. Safe Places was a practical support mechanism for this policy shift.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member approve a grant of £15,000 (£7,500 from the Prevention Group and £7,500 from Community Safety) to MacIntyre to expand the Safe Places Scheme across Derbyshire, working with people with learning disabilities and or Autism following co-production principles.

21/19 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 15 August 2019.
2. To consider the exempt report on the Healthwatch Derbyshire Contract Extension.