

PUBLIC

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – ADULT CARE** held on 12 November 2020

PRESENT

Councillor B Lewis (in the Chair)

Also in attendance were Councillors C Dale and S Swann.

Apologies had been received from Councillor J Wharmby.

52/20 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 October be confirmed as a correct record.

53/20 **REVIEW OF URGENT OFFICER DECISIONS TAKEN TO SUPPORT THE COVID-19 RESPONSE** The Cabinet Member received an update in relation to Officer's Decisions utilising emergency decision making powers and assurance in relation to the reviews which had been made.

The decisions related to short-term temporary arrangements which were subject to regular review. It had been intended that as Cabinet was now able to function by meetings being held 'remotely' the need for officers to make urgent decisions would diminish, however, they would be kept under regular review by elected members and officers. On 4 June 2020, it had been agreed that Cabinet would formally delegate review decisions to the relevant Cabinet Member, with a summary of review decisions made be reported to Cabinet every two months.

The report detailed summary updates on the reviews taken place since the last Cabinet Member meeting on 29 October 2020. 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.

The Principal Social Worker had been engaged and consulted with over the initial decisions and had reviewed the latest updates. They were satisfied that the original decisions had been made with due regard for the Department of Health and Social Care Ethical Framework, the Care Act easement guidance and were aware of the review processes in place.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member note (1) the review of decisions made under urgent delegated powers arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic; and (2) that future review decisions would be made on a fortnightly basis by the Cabinet Member for Adult Care.

54/20 PERFORMANCE AND BUDGET MONITORING/FORECAST
OUTTURN 2020/2021 AS AT QUARTER 2

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 2020/2021 up to the end of September 2020 (Quarter 2).

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 was "good" for 3 out of the 7 Council Plan deliverables led by the portfolio. After the use of additional Covid-19 funding, the budget forecast position for 2020/2021 was an overspend of £2.356m. It was forecast that £0.337m of savings would have 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 £0.337m.

RESOLVED that the Cabinet Member note the report and consider whether there were any further actions that should be undertaken to improve the budget position moving forwards or to address performance, where it had not met the desired level.

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

1. To consider the report of the Executive Director Adult Social Care & Health on the Healthwatch Derbyshire Contract Extension (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding the information))