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**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – ADULT CARE** held on 04 February 2021

**PRESENT**

Councillor J Wharmby (in the Chair)

Also in attendance was Councillors C Dale and S Swann.

No apologies for absence had been received.

**05/21** **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

**06/21** **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 21 January 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.

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.

**07/21      URGENT DECISION TAKEN BY THE DIRECTOR OF ADULT AND SOCIAL CARE**

The Cabinet Member received an update in relation to an officer's decision to temporarily reduce or suspend individual homecare support for individuals who felt able to continue to manage safely in the short term in order to free up capacity to support current pressures on hospital discharge and hospital admission avoidance as a result of the current increased Covid-19 infection rates, increased pressure on acute hospital services and adults social care community support services.

Such changes of service would only be undertaken with the consent of the person in receipt of the service and/or their carers and, in the case of those persons who lacked capacity, only in the event that this decision was consistent with the individual's best interests.

**RESOLVED** that the Cabinet Member note the urgent decision made by the Director.