

**MINUTES** of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – ADULT SOCIAL CARE** held on 11 March 2015 at County Hall, Matlock.

**PRESENT**

Councillor P Smith (in the Chair)

Also in attendance was Councillor W Major.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors R Davison and P Jones

**05/15** **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

**06/15** **2014/15 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING ADULT CARE PERIOD 9 (TO 31 DECEMBER 2014)** The Cabinet Member was provided with an update of the Adult Care Revenue Budget position for 2014-15 up to the end of December (period 9).

The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement prepared at period 5 indicated that there was a projected year end overspend of £2.345m as detailed in the table below.

	<b>Controllable Budget</b>	<b>Full Year Forecast</b>	<b>Forecast (Under)/Over Spend</b>
	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>	<b>£m</b>
<b>Strategic Director (See Note 1)</b>	(10.442)	(15.599)	(5.157)
<b>Purchased Services - including Fieldwork and Direct Care (See Note 2)</b>	185.902	194.300	8.398
<b>Strategy and Commissioning (See Note 3)</b>	35.199	34.164	1.034
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	0.662	0.799	0.138
<b>Total</b>	<b>211.321</b>	<b>213.664</b>	<b>2.345</b>

- Note 1: This included the additional £4m funding agreed as part of the 5 Year Financial Plan report on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

- Note 2: Purchased Services were defined as 'Agreements for provision of services, primarily residential and nursing care, day care, home care, direct payments and other community services, for individuals by providers, both in-house and independent sector'.
- Note 3: This figure included the transfer of £1.944m of expenditure on Housing Related Support and Grants to Voluntary Organisations to Public Health.

Budget reductions totalling £11.945m were allocated for the year, with a brought forward figure from 2013-14 of £1.686m to give an overall target of £13.631m. It was anticipated that £15.343m of these would have been achieved by the year end. Details of performance against the target were given in the Joint report.

Earmarked reserves totalling £9.040m were currently held to support future expenditure. Details of these reserves were also given in the Joint report

**RESOLVED** to note the position with the 2014/15 Revenue Budget.

**07/15      INCREASED SECURITY FOR RESIDENTS AT THE HRANGE, WHOTESTONES, CASTLE COURT ANDF THE SPINNEY HOMESFOR OLDER PEOPLE** Approval was sought to spend £29,609 to improve security at four homes for older people; The Grange at Eckington, Whitestones at Chapel- en-le-Frith, Castle Court at Castle Gresley, and The Spinney at Chesterfield.

A security audit had been carried out by the Managers of all the Adult Care residential properties for Older People. The audit highlighted areas that required additional measures to make the homes and premises safer for residents and staff, for example, there were a number of unalarmed doors leading from the building to unsecured external areas. Key to the assessment was the ease with which staff could respond to assist residents with additional support needs and had the ability to monitor potential intruders to the home.

At The Grange, Whitestones and Castle Court the bedrooms all had external doors. Some of them did not open on to a secure garden area and it would be very difficult to secure all the grounds, particularly the entrance into the grounds of the homes. It was particularly important for staff to be alerted if a resident decided to go outside at night, even if it was into a safe area.

The Grange, Whitestones and Castle Court all had Stanley Security System staff call systems. The Stanley Security system included radio call units and door contacts in other areas of the building which could be augmented to include the external bedroom doors. The security units were

connected to a pager carried by staff which sent an alert that told them which door had been opened.

At The Spinney none of the garden area was secure which created a problem if a resident who was known to wander wants to go outside. This was currently managed by a member of staff escorting individuals, but that then restricted both the individual's time outside and the availability of staff to support other residents in the home.

There was a patio and garden area at The Spinney which could be fenced to provide a safe and secure area for residents to enjoy where staff could observe without having to be outside with them at all times.

Safeguarding residents was an essential requirement to meet Care Quality Commission inspection standards.

The total cost of the security measures was £29, 609, which can be met from the Adult Care Capital 2014/15 Maintaining Minimum Standards Budget.

**RESOLVED** to approve approves the improvements to security measures at The Grange, Whitestones, Castle Court and The Spinney at a total cost of £29,609.

**08/15**      **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 held on 14 January 2015.
2. To consider the report of the Acting Strategic Director for Adult Care on Financial Assistance towards adaptation to home – Mr H (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person(including the Authority holding that information)).