

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – ADULT SOCIAL CARE** held on 17 June 2015 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor A Western (in the Chair)

Also in attendance was Councillor P Jones

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

15/15 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

16/15 **PROPOSED EXPENDITURE ON BATHROOM AND TOILET IMPROVEMENTS FOR VICTORIA STREET LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICE** Approval was sought for the expenditure on bathroom and toilet improvements for Victoria Street Learning Disability Service.

Victoria Street was situated in Brimington between Chesterfield and Staveley. The Service was registered under the Health and Social Care Act 2008 to provide 16 short stay respite beds and crisis response placements to adults with a learning disability over the age of 18.

The quality of the care and support provided by the staff within the service is both excellent and highly regarded by those that use the facility and their carers. The building itself had been subject to a more recent programme of improvement including decoration, equipment and furniture and approximately 10 years ago, refurbishment work was undertaken in the bedrooms and these remained in a good condition. The grounds had also received input and a sensory garden was being planned.

Despite these ongoing minor improvements CQC inspectors have informally noted the poor state of the environmental and building conditions. They felt that the bathrooms and toilets were not 'fit for purpose'. If inspected formally in relation to environmental and building conditions, it was highly likely that the unit would not meet the required regulatory standards.

The bathrooms, toilet and shower rooms were in a poor condition and did not provide an effective environment in which to provide personal care and support for our clients and a safe working space for our staff.

It was essential in order to be able to meet the care and support needs of all clients that the service had suitable and adequate bathroom facilities. At present the lack of suitable facilities prevented the service from admitting any clients with either Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities and/or with complex personal care needs. This reduced both the choices available for people and the capacity for Victoria Street to compete with private providers in the market.

The facilities and environment needed to be brought up to standard and made fit for on-going and future purpose. The total cost of these improvements would be £86,000. The work would be completed by DCC property division.

RESOLVED to approve the expenditure on bathroom and toilet improvements for Victoria Street Learning Disability Service as detailed in the Acting Strategic Director's report.

17/15 **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 consider the exempt report of the Acting Strategic Director for Adult Care on Adult Care Management Information Team Structure (contains information relating to any individual)