

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – ADULT SOCIAL CARE** held on 20 July 2016 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor P Smith (in the Chair)

Also in attendance were Councillors R Davison & P Jones.

12/16 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2016 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

13/16 **242 BRIMINGTON ROAD,CHESTERFIELD** Approval was sought to declare surplus to the requirements of Adult Care the building known as 242, Brimington Road, Chesterfield.

242, Brimington Road, Chesterfield was a two bedroom semi-detached house with a large garden situated in a residential area on a main road. It had been used as supported living accommodation since the early 1980's, the most recent tenants moved out in April 2016 as the property was not suitable for their needs.

General repairs had been carried out on the property but it is in need of a considerable amount of investment in respect of refurbishment. The property had a very steep drive, the garden was also steeply sloped, there were steps in to the property from the driveway and a very steep stairway inside meaning that this was not a suitable living environment for people with a disability or care needs. Due to the poor condition of the property, and because of the limitations on the level of need of tenants who could live there, it was proposed that the property is declared surplus to the needs of Adult care.

Corporate Resources Department have provided a valuation for the property of £120,000.

RESOLVED that 242 Brimington Avenue to be declared surplus to the operational requirements of Adult Care and the Corporate Landlord be requested to consider the Council's future requirement for the property.

14/16 **DERBYSHIRE AUTISM SERVICES GROUP** Approval was sought to make a payment of £26,084 to Derbyshire Autism Services Group to assist with the provision of services to support vulnerable adults with autism spectrum conditions during 2016/17.

The main aim of Derbyshire Autism Services Group was to provide services to improve the opportunities and quality of life of people with Autism Spectrum Disorder through the provision of emotional and practical support, advice and information, and social and leisure services, which included a range of leisure and social activities. Services provided by Derbyshire Autism Services Group enhanced and complimented the range of specialist care and support services provided and commissioned by Adult Care.

Derbyshire Autism Services Group covered the whole of the county of Derbyshire, primarily working with children and young people. They also provided services to vulnerable adults with a learning disability within the autism spectrum. The most recent reported annual figures indicated that during 2014/15 a total of 34 adults accessed the service, 18 of whom received support on a one to one basis and 16 accessed monthly adult support groups.

This service fell outside the remit of the review of grants made by Adult Care to the voluntary sector because Adult Care and NHS commissioners have jointly identified this as a priority service that was required to continue to meet the Transforming Care Programme (TCP) priorities and was funded from the Better Care Fund. It was agreed that the on-going provision of a grant to this service for 12 months is required whilst the TCP planning is completed and signed off by NHS England. The future of this support would be considered before the end of this financial year, as part of the wider re-shaping of support for people with autism spectrum conditions.

This one-off payment rather than a contractual arrangement meant that the Council would have less ability to performance manage this organisation and to enforce conditions of performance or outcomes. To some extent this would be mitigated by asking this service to continue to complete the annual Grant Funding Survey that was undertaken by Adult Care and the allocation of a contract officer from Adult Care to undertake at least one monitoring visit.

RESOLVED that approval be given to make a payment of £26,084 to Derbyshire Autism Services Group to assist with the provision of services to support vulnerable adults with autism spectrum conditions during 2016/17.

15/16 CORBAR VIEW 1-3 FOUNTAIN STREET, BUXTON Approval was sought for Corbar View to be declared surplus to the operational requirements of Adult Care and that the Corporate Landlord be requested to consider the Council's future requirement for the property.

Corbar View, which is owned by the Council, had been used as office accommodation for Mental Health Services since 1986. In April 2011 a restructuring in community-based mental health provision resulted in all Adult

Care staff, who then worked within Derbyshire Mental Health Services Trust, coming back under the management of Derbyshire County Council.

Since that time Derbyshire Health Care Foundation Trust had had an annual lease for the building, which has been renewed since 2012. The building is used as an office base for Trust staff working in the community in the Buxton area.

The Trust paid all the outgoings for the property, but did not pay rent or carry out maintenance to the structure of the building. This arrangement was financially beneficial to the Trust, but made poor use of Council resources. Adult Care was proposing to declare Corbar View surplus to the Department's requirements as it had no need for the premises.

The Trust was aware of the proposal to declare the property surplus to the requirements of Adult Care. The Trust was currently considering its accommodation requirements across the county as part of a reorganisation and rationalisation programme.

Property Services did not have a current accurate market valuation of the premises. It was, however, likely to be in excess of £120,000.

RESOLVED that Corbar View be declared surplus to the operational requirements of Adult Care and the Corporate Landlord be requested to consider the Council's future requirement for the property.

16/16 ANNUAL COMPLIMENTS & COMPLAINTS REPORT

RESOLVED (1) to note and approve the findings of the Annual Compliments and Complaints Report for 2015/16; and

(2) that the report be referred to the Standards Committee for consideration.

17/16 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 Strategic Director of Adult Care on the Award of Contract to provide cost consultancy project, contract Management and Employers' Agent responsibilities for the proposed Belper Project to deliver integrated accommodation care and support for Older

People (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information))