

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – ADULT CARE** held on 9 November 2017 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor J Wharmby (in the Chair)

Also in attendance were Councillors C Dale, W Major & J A Twigg

08/17 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2017 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

09/17 **2017-18 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING ADULT CARE PORTFOLIO – PERIOD 3 (TO 31 AUGUST 2017)** The Cabinet Member was provided with an update of the Adult Social Care Portfolio Revenue Budget position for 2017-18 up to the end of June (period 5).

The Revenue Budget Monitoring Statement prepared at period 5 indicated that there was a projected year end underspend of £2.016m. (This was based on the assumption that the £4.447m balance on the Improved Better Care Fund will be fully spent within the current financial year) The significant areas which made up this projection are shown below:

	Controllable Budget	Full Year Forecast	Forecast (Under)/Over Spend
	£m	£m	£m
Strategic Director	1.764	0.596	(1.168)
Purchased Services - including Prevention & Personalisation and Direct Care	209.393	212.641	3.247
Commissioning and Performance	19.696	15.599	(4.097)
Total	230.853	228.836	(2.017)

Purchased Services are 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’.

Budget savings totalling £12.249m were allocated for the year, with a brought forward figure from 2016-17 of £2.546m, giving an overall target of £14.795m. Savings identified for 2016-17 total £14.631m and up to the period end the total achieved was £12.639m. The table below shows performance against the savings identified.

Budget Saving Target	Budget Reduction Amount £m	Achieved To Date £m	Balance to Be Achieved £m
Transport Policy	0.300	0.000	0.300
Vol Org Grants – Ceased	0.068	0.068	0.000
Vol Org Grants – Public Health Funding	0.602	0.602	0.000
Vol Org Grants – Use of Reserves	1.633	1.633	0.000
Consolidate Block Contracts	0.950	0.952	(0.002)
Review “No AA/DLA” Clients	0.012	0.012	0.000
Co-Funding Contributions	0.300	0.300	0.000
Review S117 Cases	0.400	0.051	0.349
Address Double Handling	0.750	0.354	0.396
Close Homes for Older People	0.326	0.326	0.000
Demand Management	3.300	2.501	0.799
Review Other Prevention Services	0.150	0.000	0.150
Use of improved Better Care Fund to Support Adult Care	5.318	5.318	0.000
Use of improved Better Care Fund to Support Vol Org Grants	0.522	0.522	0.000
Total Identified	14.631	12.639	1.992
Unidentified	0.164		
Total Target	14.795		

Earmarked reserves totalling £5.493m were currently held to support future expenditure. Details of these reserves were shown below:

	Amount £m
Adult Care Replacement ICT System	0.250
Adult Care Budget Saving Shortfall	4.472
Adult Care Budget Saving Pump Priming	0.771
Total Earmarked Reserves	5.493

RESOLVED to note the position with the 2017-18 Revenue Budget.

10/17 AWARD OF GRANT TO SOUTH DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY SERVICES TO PROVIDE A BEFRIENDING SERVICE

Approval was sought to grant aid South Derbyshire Community Voluntary Service £16,924 for a six month period from 30 September 2017 to 31 March

2018 whilst the outcome of discussions in respect of future grant funding for the Derbyshire Voluntary Community Sector are completed.

In July 2013, Cabinet approved the award of a two year contract with annual options to extend for two further periods of 12 months for the provision of a volunteer befriending service for all adults in South Derbyshire, known as The Connect Befriending Service. The objectives of the Connect service were detailed in the Strategic Directors report.

The service, wherever possible, supported clients to develop their own social networks and move them on from the service to access appropriate local activities and be engaged with their local communities. However, in some circumstances, longer term support was required, e.g. people with dementia. The needs of clients and the support that they were receiving, was reviewed periodically to ensure that the support was still appropriate to meet their needs. The client was involved in this review.

The Connect Befriending Service, run by South Derbyshire CVS had achieved all its required service performance targets.

The Contract had now been extended by two additional periods of 12 months and cannot be extended any further. The current Contract ends on 30 September 2017.

The background to the original concept for this service was to test out the effectiveness of volunteer befriending in South Derbyshire and this was only ever anticipated to be time limited. However, the benefits of this service were identified as significant to the local community and continuation of the service was required whilst discussion was underway about the future delivery of befriending services in Derbyshire.

As the contract was due to end on the 30 September 2017 and all extension provisions had been used, it was requested that we enter into a six month grant arrangement with South Derbyshire CVS, from 1 October 2017 to 31 March 2018, to allow time for the consideration of the future provision of befriending services.

This would also allow South Derbyshire CVS to continue to provide the service and engage with the Council about planning towards future delivery of services.

Discussion with the Service Provider (Michelle Skinner, Chief Officer South Derbyshire CVS) had confirmed that they would be happy to enter into this grant funding arrangement.

A grant of £16,924 would be required to support the Connect Befriending Service for a 6 month period. This funding would be sought from one off underspends in the current 2017/18 Adult Care Prevention budget.

RESOLVED to approve to grant aid South Derbyshire CVS £16,924 for a six month period from 30 September 2017 to 31 March 2018 whilst the outcome of discussions in respect of future grant funding for the Derbyshire Voluntary Community Sector are completed.

11/17 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 - Contract for Technical Advisory Services in Relation to evidencing spend of Improved Better Care Fund Grant Award (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)).