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MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – ADULT SOCIAL CARE** held on 4 February 2014 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor C Neill (in the Chair)

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors R Davison, P Jones and W Major.

05/14 **MINUTES RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Cabinet Member.

06/14 **THE SOCIAL CARE COMMITMENT** Approval was sought for the Adult Care Department to sign up to the Social Care Commitment.

The Social Care Commitment was a co-developed, voluntary agreement about workforce quality between all parts of the adult care sector. Its primary aim was to give providers of adult care and support the opportunity to make a statement that would give the general public confidence that they and their families would always be supported by skilled people who would treat them with dignity and respect.

To make the commitment, employers, individual employers, care workers and carers sign up to a pledge comprising of seven statements that focus on values and behaviours and include areas such as induction, recruiting the right people and learning and development.

The commitment had a key role in improving public trust in the care sector. From December 2013, once a CQC registered provider had signed up to the commitment, the public would be able to see this on their NHS Choices profile.

The Social Care Commitment would apply to all job roles across the adult social care workforce which came into contact with people. These included roles such as care and support workers, managers, social workers, occupational therapists, benefits information and advice officers and brokers. Other roles that may come into contact with users of the service could include, drivers, catering and domestic staff and administration staff in establishments. Volunteers and apprentices could also sign up.

The Commitment was supported by The Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS). And the the seven Commitment statements and Adult Care responses were detailed in the report

RESOLVED that approval be given to the Adult Care Department signing up to the Social Care Commitment