

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – ADULT SOCIAL CARE** held on 5 August 2015 at County Hall, Matlock.

PRESENT

Councillor A Western (in the Chair)

Also in attendance were Councillors R Davison and P Jones

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors P Smith and W Major

19/15 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

20/15 **REVENUE OUTTURN 2014/15 ADULT CARE** The Cabinet Member was informed of the final revenue outturn position for 2014/15 for the Adult Care Department. The report detailed significant variations in expenditure from the budget and assessed the impact of growth items built into the budget, and also identified the impact of the 2014/15 outturn on future years and any action proposed. Approval was also sought to the transfers to/from reserves.

Attached to the report was a statement setting out the final outturn position for 2014/15. Net controllable expenditure was £216.954m compared to a budget (adjusted for transfers to/from reserves) of £217.526m resulting in a controllable underspend of £0.573m.

However, a number of one-off items reduced the final overspend and the underlying overspend for 2014/15 was as follows:

	£m
Final Underspend	0.573
Additional PCT Funding for Winter Pressures	1.000
One-Off Funding for Demographic Growth	4.000
Return of contribution to Debt Charges	2.171
Underlying Overspend	6.598

A summary of controllable expenditure variances was also detailed in the report along with growth Items.

A detailed analysis of the earmarked reserves is shown below.

	Opening Balance £m	Additions £m	Used/ Returned £m	Closing Balance £m
Care Home Fee Provision	8.000	0.000	(6.725)	1.275
IT System Replacement	2.000	0.000	(1.750)	0.250
Derbyshire Discretionary Fund	0.000	0.790	(0.790)	0.000
	10.000	0.790	(9.265)	1.525

Both earmarked reserves had been reviewed and were required to meet commitments already agreed for 2015/16

Total savings of £16.563m were achieved in 2014/15 and were detailed in the report

In relation to impact on the future, the start of year projection for the 2015/16 position was as follows:

	£m
Underlying Overspend from 2014/15	6.598
Efficiency Target 2015/16 inc Balance B/fwd	23.952
Less; Demographic Growth Budget Settlement 2015/16	(10.000)
Demographic Growth 2015/16	10.535
Return of contribution to Debt Charges	(1.922)
Total Budget Pressures	29.163
Actions already identified (see below)	(24.114)
Underlying Budget Position	5.049

A number of actions to deal with Budget pressures for 2015/16 were in progress. These were:

	£m
Reduction in Supported Living Schemes	1.728
FACS to Substantial	0.650
Reduction in Housing Related Support	3.285
Consolidate Block Contracts	0.300
Integrated Community Equipment Service	0.290
Increased Co-Funding Contributions	3.816
Consistent Application of the Resource Allocation System	8.000
Direct Care Trading Income	0.100
	18.169

Additional one-off funding had been agreed as follows:-

	£m
Public Health – Grants to Voluntary Organisations	1.168

Public Health – Housing Related Support	2.701
General Reserves – Housing Related Support	0.784
	4.653

Following the consolidating of all Domestic Violence services within Community Safety, the following commitments had been transferred:-

	£m
Domestic Violence Grants	0.442
Domestic Violence Housing Related Support	0.850
	1.292

Total Savings Identified	24.114
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Work was already being undertaken to identify further cuts for 2016/17 onwards and any proposals would be the subject of future reports.

RESOLVED (1) that the report be noted; and

(2) to approve transfers to/from reserves as outlined in the joint report

21/15 GRANT FUNDING TO ADDRESS RURAL ISOLATION IN HIGH PEAK AND DALES Approval was sought to the awarding of a grant of £8,000 to Peaks and Dales Advocacy for the provision of a service to reduce isolation of people with learning disabilities who live in rural locations.

In the terms of reference of district Learning Disability Partnership Boards there had been scope to sponsor and pay for initiatives that develop awareness of the needs of people with learning disability with the grant funds delegated to them. The High Peak and Dales Learning Disability Partnership Board identified that further work needs to be done to understand and reduce the isolation of people with learning disabilities in the small towns and villages of the Peaks and Dales.

It had been noted by Social Workers working in the area, service providers and family carers that a number of people with learning disabilities living in rural parts of Peaks and Dales were often isolated from other activities in their communities. There was a concern that this rural isolation could impact on their health and wellbeing. Following consideration of these concerns and the project the County Learning Disability Board proposed that Peaks and Dales Advocacy received a one off grant to undertake a project to understand and address this concern. This work would include identification of individuals and to provide support to assist them to get involved in activities of their choice, local to where they live.

Because this project was for 18 months the provider would be expected to ensure that there was an exit strategy built in to their project to ensure

clients of the service were supported beyond the grant funding. The provider would also be requested to complete a review of the scheme to ensure that if there was learning that should be shared about impact and ways of organising support that was made available to commissioners.

PADA intended to employ a worker for 14 hrs a week. The worker would be managed and supported by Peaks and Dales Advocacy and would also report to the local Partnership Board on the following expected outcomes:

- Reduction of social isolation
- More independence and confidence
- Improved well- being (maintenance of good physical and mental health
- Less stress for family carers
- Numbers of people supported
- Prevention of return to, or development of, dependency on more statutory services.

PADA was a well-established voluntary organisation, which delivered Independent, individual and group advocacy, as well as facilitating social networks and projects such as Friendship First and Advocacy Aware in the High Peak and Dales. As such it was the only organisation that had the requisite experience and skills to initiate and deliver the project in the required timescales. There was capacity for the project to commence immediately.

The grant funding of £8,000 would be from the Adult Care Learning Disability Development Fund budget.

RESOLVED that approval be given to award a grant of £8,000 for a period of 18 months to Peaks and Dales Advocacy for the provision of a service to reduce isolation of people with learning disabilities who live in rural locations.

22/15 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 of the Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care held on 17 June 2015.
2. To consider the exempt 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))