ADULT CARE AND HEALTH PORTFOLIO

Appendix 1

1. Cabinet decisions since the last Report from the Executive to the County Council

1.1 The items of business specifically attributed to this portfolio were:-

Cabinet held on 20 April 2015

- 1.2 **Dementia Strategy 2015-2019** Cabinet adopted the draft Dementia Strategy 2015–2019. The Dementia Strategy 2015–2019 builds on the achievements of 'Living Well with Dementia: Hertfordshire's response to the National Dementia Strategy 2009', and seeks to address both the availability and quality of services for people with dementia and their carers across the county, and to enable positive developments, not only in health and social care, but across all related services.
- 1.3 Participation in the Multi-Agency Adults with Complex Needs Project (Joint report of the Deputy Chief Executive and the Director of Health and Community Services (HCS) Cabinet approved the County Council's ongoing participation in the Adults with Complex Needs project and pilot projects proposed for Hertsmere & Three Rivers. Cabinet considered the successes achieved by the project to date and the financial implications of the proposal, which indicate that the project has the potential to generate significant savings for the County Council and other public agencies involved with the client group.

2. Consequences of Cabinet decisions before the last meeting of the County Council.

2.1 The new duties and responsibilities on the County Council from the Care Act 2014 came into force on 1 April 2015. These included new rights for carers, new national eligibility criteria and a duty to promote people's wellbeing. All policies and processes were updated and staff trained prior to April and the Council was deemed fully compliant with the Act.

3. Anticipated/ future decisions to be made by Cabinet

- 3.1 **Carers Strategy** At 13 July meeting, Cabinet will be asked to approve a refresh of the Carers Strategy. It represents the jointly agreed priorities for the County Council, the NHS and the voluntary and community sector partners in relation to unpaid carers.
- 3.2 Little Furze site proposals At 13 July meeting, a report will be brought to enable the Cabinet to consider: (i) The future of the site of former Little Furze school site, South Oxhey; (ii) The proposed re-provision, subject to consultation, of the residential care homes in The Fairway, Oxhey and Pinewood Lodge, South Oxhey into a single new build residential care home for older people the preferred site is part of the former Little Furze school site.

3.3 **Asperger's Market Position Statement** – This will be brought to 21 September Cabinet meeting, to seek approval of document which has been jointly developed with the Clinical Commissioning Groups in line with the Care Act to highlight the need for more personalised services for people diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome.

4. Key Partnerships

- 4.1 Health and Wellbeing Board recent meetings have considered :-
 - Voluntary Sector Commissioning Strategy a report seeking Board sign-off of the final draft of the Voluntary Sector Commissioning Strategy, which has been widely consulted upon across the voluntary, community and statutory sectors in Hertfordshire.
 - Integration of Health and Social Care two presentations on how health and social care services are being aligned on both sides of the county to help people manage their long-term health conditions and prevent people from needing acute hospital care.
 - **Operationalisation of the Better Care Fund** a report to present the national and local accountability arrangements for the Better Care Fund monies and outlines the NHS England guidance and recommendations on the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board in the financial oversight and performance monitoring of integrated services.

5. Cabinet Panels

5.1 Since the last Executive Report to Council, the Adult Care and Health Cabinet Panel has met on 20 May 2015 and 24 June 2015. The matters discussed can be found at the following locations:

20 May 2015

https://cmis.hertsdirect.org/hertfordshire/Calendarofcouncilmeetings/tabid/70/ctl/ ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/134/Committee/16/Default.aspx

24 June 2015

https://cmis.hertsdirect.org/hertfordshire/Calendarofcouncilmeetings/tabid/70/ctl/ ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/24/Committee/16/Default.aspx

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