ADULT CARE AND HEALTH

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

1.1 There will have been 4 Cabinet meetings (14 December 2015, 18 January 2016, 22 February 2016 and 14 March 2016) since the last Executive Report to County Council. The items of business specifically attributed to this portfolio were:-

1.2 Cabinet held on 18 January 2016

Amendment to Hertfordshire's care charging policy relating to war veterans - Cabinet agreed to amend the Council's Care Charging Policy so that War Disablement Pensions are not taken into account when assessing the financial contribution paid by war veterans from pre-2005 conflicts who receive adult social care. This leaves veterans who need social care better off.

1.3 Cabinet held on 22 February 2016

HPfT Contract 2016-19 – Cabinet agreed to renew Hertfordshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust's contract, which is a jointly commissioned contract between the County Council and the three NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups for three years. This consolidates the changes we have asked HPfT to make over the last three years and sets the benchmark for future improvements.

1.4 Cabinet – to be held on 14 March 2016

Future of Community Equipment Services – Cabinet will be asked to agree an improved specification for the purchase and delivery of community equipment to help disabled or older people stay independent in their own homes; with additional investment in the service funded by demography pressure monies already agreed by County Council as part of the Integrated Plan.

2. Consequences of Cabinet decisions before the last meeting of the County Council on 22 February 2016

2.1 None to report.

3. Anticipated / future decisions to be made by Cabinet

3.1 Cabinet to be held on 16 May 2016

Hertfordshire Compact - At the 16 May meeting, Cabinet will be asked to approve the refreshed countywide Compact Agreement between the Statutory, Voluntary and Community Sectors to work in partnership to achieve common aims and objectives, prior to its publication and launch.

4. Key Partnerships

4.1 Health and Wellbeing Board – recent meetings have considered :-

Annual Safeguarding Adults Report - a report in relation to the work of the Hertfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board (HSAB) and Partnership 2014-15.

Better Care Fund Update - a presentation to update on the 'Better Care Fund in Hertfordshire', along with an update of progress against the national conditions.

Money Advice Unit's Mental Health Project - a report in relation to the Money Advice Unit's contribution to the Year of Mental Health and the progress of the Mental Health Project established in May 2014.

Transforming Care Fast Track Programme - a report outlining the strategic direction of the Learning Disabilities 'Transforming Care' Programme and a briefing on the Hertfordshire's status as a national Fast Track Pilot site.

5. Other comments

5.1 None.

6. Cabinet Panels

6.1 Since the last Executive Report to Council, the Adult Care & Health Cabinet Panel has met on 9 December 2015, 1 February 2016 and 2 March 2016. The matters discussed can be found at the following locations:

9 December 2015

1 February 2016

2 March 2016

Colette Wyatt-Lowe Executive Member for Adult Care and Health March 2016