

**PORTFOLIO: ADULT CARE AND HEALTH****1. Cabinet decisions since the last meeting of County Council**

- 1.1 There will have been 4 Cabinet meetings (18 December 2017, 22 January 2018, 19 February 2018 and 19 March 2018) since the last Executive Report to County Council on 21 November 2017. The following items of business were specifically attributed to this portfolio:-

Cabinet – 18 December 2017

A058/17- Adult Care Services Establishment of a local authority trading company to provide Adult Social Care Services: Cabinet approved the business case and establishment of the wholly owned trading company to provide Adult Care Services. Cabinet delegated to the Director of Adult Care Services (ACS) in consultation with the Executive Member for Adult Care and Health, the Executive Member for Resources, Property and the Economy, the Director of Resources and the Chief Legal Officer, the authority to agree documents and arrangements and to take such other actions as are appropriate to establish the company.

Cabinet – 22 January 2018

A068/17 - Changes to charging arrangements for community based adult social care: Cabinet agreed proposals to change the Council's policy charges for non-residential (community based) adult social care services, with changes to take effect from 15 April 2018. [Cabinet will be considering a revision to this policy at its meeting on 19 March 2018].

Cabinet – 19 February 2018

A002.18 – Adult Community Health Services – Joined-up Care Proposals: Cabinet agreed that the Director of Adult Care Services undertake work with Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group to develop a joint specification for adult community health services to align delivery with the County Council's priorities.

A087/17 – Invest to Transform proposals to support delivery of Adult Social Care Integrated Plan Proposals: Cabinet agreed the proposed Invest to Transform Programme for Adult Care Services which is designed to support delivery of Integrated Plan Proposals.

**2. Consequences of Cabinet decisions before the last meeting of the County Council on 21 November 2017**

- 2.1 Nothing to report.

### **3. Anticipated/future decisions to be made by Cabinet**

#### **3.1 Anticipated/future decisions to be made by Cabinet are as follows:-**

##### Cabinet – 19 March 2018

A019/17 – 15 Year Plan for vision for social care in the County: Cabinet will be asked to review and approve the 15 Year Plan.

Proposed changes to Social Care Charging Policy: Cabinet will be asked to review and approve an amendment to the Charging policy for Adult Social Care agreed on 22 January 2018; the proposed amendment will remove the requirement to include the Higher Rate of Attendance Allowance and Disability Living Allowance where people receive care to meet night time needs when determining how much a person can afford to pay towards their cost of care (original ref A068/17; see paragraph 1.1 above).

##### Cabinet – 14 May 2018

A016/18 – Adult Care Services – Proposed participation in European Structural and Investment Funds Grant – Upskilling the workforce: Cabinet will be asked to approve the Council's proposed participation in this initiative.

##### Cabinet – 18 June 2018

A023/18 – Approval of Hertfordshire Carer's Strategy 2018 – 2021: Cabinet will be invited to approve the Carer's Strategy.

A024/18 – Adult Care Services Workforce Strategy: Cabinet will be asked to consider and approve the Workforce Strategy.

### **4. Key Partnerships**

#### **4.1 Health and Wellbeing Board - 13 December 2017**

- (i) Report of progress with the Hertfordshire and West Essex Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) – a report providing an update on the progress that the Hertfordshire and West Essex STP has made since their last update.
- (ii) 2017-19 Better Care Fund – a report providing an overview of the Better Care Fund Plan 2017-19 for Health and Wellbeing board for review and approval.
- (iii) Street Triage Evaluation report – a report providing an overview of the commissioning of the Street Triage evaluation for review and recommendation.
- (iv) Sector Led Improvement Peer Challenge on Prevention and Public Health – a report on the process and outcome of the Sector Led Improvement Peer Challenge of Prevention and Public Health.
- (v) Care Quality Commission (CQC) themed review of Children and Young People's Mental Health Services (CAHMS) – an update

following the CQC thematic review of Children and Young People's Mental Health Service in Hertfordshire.

[Health and Wellbeing Board - 13 December 2017](#)

**4.2 Health and Wellbeing Board – 1 March 2018**

- (i) Report on the Hertfordshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
- (ii) Report on progress with the Hertfordshire and West Essex Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP)
- (iii) Housing Update
- (iv) Hertfordshire Home Improvement Agency Update
- (v) Community First Strategy Update
- (vi) Local Health Resilience Partnership Update

[Health and Wellbeing Board - 1 March 2018](#)

**5. Other comments**

**5.1 Sleep In Decision - December 2017**

In recognition of an HMRC ruling in July 2017 to pay National Minimum Wage for all sleep-in shifts, work was undertaken to estimate the cost pressure of providing funding for all Hertfordshire care providers in this financial year and next. This is up to £3.3m in 2017/18 and £4.7m in a full year. In addition to these costs there is a possibility of historical claims up to 6 years – this could be another £12m pressure. All councils are working with the Government on how to resolve this issue. The County Council has made provision in a larger contingency budget for 2018/19.

**6. Cabinet Panels**

- 6.1 Since the last Executive Report to Council, the Adult Care and Health Cabinet Panel has met on 10 January 2018, 30 January 2018 and 6 March 2018. The matters discussed can be found at the following locations:

[Adult Care and Health Cabinet Panel - 10 January 2018](#)

[Adult Cae and Health Cabinet Panel - 30 January 2018](#)

[Adult Care and Health Cabinet Panel - 6 March 2018](#)

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