

ADULTS, HEALTH AND WELLBEING

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Adult Services, Safeguarding for Adults, Health and Wellbeing, Public Health, Mental Health and Health and Social Care integration and Bolton Cares.

MONDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER, 2023

Following consideration of the matters detailed below in the presence of:-

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| Councillor Mrs Thomas | - Executive Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing |
| Councillor Morgan | - Major Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Bamforth | - Minor Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Heslop | - Minor Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Sanders | - Minor Opposition Spokesperson |

Officers

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| Ms L. Donkin | - Director of Public Health |
| Ms T. Minshull | - Assistant Director – Strategic Commissioning |
| Ms L. Butcher | - Head of Finance - People |
| Mrs S. Bailey | - Principal Democratic Services Officer |

8. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which provided an update on decisions taken at previous meetings of the Executive Cabinet Member.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

**9. ADULT SERVICES FINANCIAL MONITORING
QUARTER ONE 2023/24**

The Borough Treasurer and the Director of Adult Services, Communities and Integration submitted a joint report which provided information relating to the projected financial position for the Adults Department for the 2023/24 Financial Year as at Quarter One.

With regard to Revenue Expenditure, the report advised that the Revenue outturn position for the Local Authority Block was in line with Budget following a transfer from reserves of £2.717m.

With regard to Capital Expenditure, the revised Capital Programme totalled £623k. Expenditure as at Quarter One totalled £350k.

Revenue reserves were projected to be £4.353m as at 31st March, 2024 which was a decrease in year of £11.98m. There was a projected £1.077m in Capital Reserves as of 31st March, 2024.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED -

- (i) The revenue budget changes in year, the projected financial position as at 31st March, 2024 and the changes within the Capital Programme, as detailed in the report now submitted; and APPROVED -**
- (ii) The delegation of authority to the Director of Adult Services, Communities and Integration to call off on the framework(s) for the Capital Programme, as detailed in section 3 of the report now submitted.**

**10. PUBLIC HEALTH FINANCIAL MONITORING
QUARTER ONE 2023/24**

The Borough Treasurer and Director of Adult Services, Communities and Integration submitted a joint report which provided information relating to the projected financial position for Public Health for the 2023/24 Financial Year as at Quarter One.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED -

The projected financial position for Public Health as at 31st March, 2024 and the Revenue Budget changes in year.

**11. ADULTS AND HOUSING PERFORMANCE
MANAGEMENT REPORT - QUARTER 1 2023/24**

The Director of Adult Services, Communities and Integration submitted a report which provide the Executive Cabinet Member with an update on the latest available 2023/24 performance information for the Department of Adult Services, Communities and Housing.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The background papers and reports in relation to the following item were considered confidential as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in their exemption outweighs the public interest in their disclosure.

12. PERSONAL BUDGETS – LOT 2 – BROKERAGE

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Further to Minute 45 of the meeting of the Executive Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care held on 3rd April, 2023, the Director of Adult Services, Communities and Integration submitted a report which provided details of the unsuccessful tender process regarding Personal Budgets (Lot 2 – Brokerage) and sought approval to waive Standing Orders to enable the direct award of the Contract to ensure the continuation of the Service.

The report advised that, following the completion of the tender process for the Personal Budget Support Service on 2nd June, 2023, no bids had been received for Lot 2 – Brokerage Services.

As the existing Contract was due to expire on 30th September, 2023, and the incumbent provider had given notice to cease provision at the end of contract, there would be no service arrangements in place which would put service users at risk.

In order to continue delivery of the statutory information and advice services, the report put forward the following options:

- Option 1 – approach the incumbent provider to consider a short-term extension – this was not a viable option as the incumbent provider was not willing to agree to an extension;
- Option 2 – explore the possibility of bringing the service in-house as part of the Direct Payment and CLDT teams – this was not a preferred option given the timescales and level of input required at such short notice;
- Option 3 – immediately reopen the FPS and readvertise the service - this would take longer than Option 4 as the FPS was still ‘closed’ as the Lot 1 contract had not yet been agreed and unlikely to be finalised for a number of weeks; and
- Option 4 – approach the current provider of Lot 1 (Payroll and Supported Banking) to establish if they would be willing to deliver the Contract.

The report advised that Option 4 was the preferred option as the current provider of Lot 1 (Disability Positive) had confirmed

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that they were in a position to deliver the Contract within Budget and would support the handover within the required timescales.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED -

The waiver of Standing Orders to allow the direct award of a 1-year contract to Disability Positive for Personal Budgets Lot 2 and provision of the statutory Brokerage Services on behalf of Bolton Council, following an unsuccessful tender process, on the basis detailed in the report now submitted.