

ADULT SOCIAL CARE

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Adult Social Care, Safeguarding for Adults and Bolton Cares.

MONDAY, 9th JANUARY, 2023

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

Councillor Morgan	- Executive Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
Councillor Mrs Thomas	- Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor McGeown	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Sanders	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Wright	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Newall	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Ms R. Tanner	- Managing Director of the Bolton Integrated Care Partnership
Ms T. Minshull	- Assistant Director – Commissioning and Integration
Ms L. Butcher	- Head of Finance - People
Mr D. Bailey	- Financial Services Manager
Ms A. Kelly	- Senior Lawyer
Mrs S. Bailey	- Principal Democratic Services Officer

28. 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.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The background papers and reports in relation to the following items were considered confidential as defined in paragraph 1 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.

29. LEVER GARDENS EXTRA CARE HOUSING – CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICE MODEL

The Managing Director of the Bolton Integrated Care Partnership submitted a report which provided information in relation to the development of a new extra care housing scheme in Little Lever and outlined the proposed service model and charging arrangements.

The report advised that Bolton at Home was building a new older people extra care housing scheme called Lever Gardens, at Lever Street, Little Lever, Bolton. It would consist of 62 apartment and was planned to open in Autumn 2023.

The development would be larger than existing schemes and the first to be built in over ten years. It would make an important contribution to support the ageing population and achieving the Council's ambition of building five new extra care schemes as specified in Bolton's Market Position Statement for Ageing Well 2022-2025. It would also create an opportunity to change how the Council delivered care services as part of the commissioning process.

The report provided details of how the current service model was delivered and put forward options for the proposed model for Lever Gardens.

The new scheme would create an opportunity to develop a different approach to funding and delivery of care by introducing a charge for the core service. It was proposed that the Council commissioned the care service at Lever Gardens from Bolton Cares under the terms of the existing contract. Eligible care will be commissioned in the same ways as in existing extra care schemes.

Full details of the charging arrangements and associated management of the Scheme were included in the report. Two options were put forward, as follows:

- Option 1 – to introduce a charge for tenants for the core service; or
- Option 2 - to maintain the current arrangements where the Council funded the core charge for all tenants

The report provided an analysis of each option and recommended that Option 1 was the preferred way forward. Option 2 was not recommended due to the ongoing financial commitment it would bring to the council which would likely be for the life of the scheme.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

- (i) The authorisation of the Managing Director of the Bolton Integrated Care Partnership and the Assistant Director – Social Care and Public Health Commissioning to commission the extra care service at Lever Gardens, on the basis detailed in the report now submitted;**
- (ii) The authorisation of the Managing Director of the Bolton Integrated Care Partnership and the Assistant Director – Social Care and Public Health Commissioning to introduce a charge for tenants for the core service in extra care schemes, based on**

- option 1 outlined in section 4.1 of the report now submitted; and**
- (ii) The authorisation of the Borough Solicitor to carry out any necessary legal formalities in this regard.**

30. ADULT SOCIAL CARE FINANCIAL SERVICES REVIEW

The Managing Director of the Bolton Integrated Partnership submitted a report which set out the results of consultation on proposals to review the Adult Social Care Financial Services and sought approval to implement the final proposals.

The proposals intended to achieve greater consistency and alignment across the service which would give the ability to share knowledge and provide up-to-date training to the team and to ensure an appropriate and considered response to social care reforms, workflows and continuous improvement. The current and proposed structures were detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report.

Consultation on the proposed changes with staff and trades unions had taken place. Appendix 3 summarised the key consultation issues raised and the response from management and included issues raised via the unions at weekly consultation meetings and by individual staff members via emails, personal meetings and staff briefing sessions.

The formal Trades Unions response to the proposals was set out in full at Appendix 4.

The report now sought approval to implement the final proposals.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED -

- (i) The final proposals detailed in the report now submitted, having due regard to the consultation feedback and the Equality Impact Assessment; and**

- (ii) Subject to the approval of the Head of Paid Service, the delegation of authority to implement the new structure to the Chief Executive and the Managing Director of the Bolton Integrated Care Partnership.**