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Tricuro Executive Shareholder Group

Extract from the minutes of the meeting held on 20 December 2018

Tricuro: Shareholder Viability Assessment Report

The Group considered the Tricuro Shareholder Viability Assessment report commissioned by Dorset County Council and undertaken by Ernst and Young.

Mr Richards, Assistant Director, explained that the assessment had been requested by the County Council and was carried out in Summer 2018 in collaboration with Tricuro staff. The report highlighted future financial pressures, means by which unit costs and demand could be managed, challenges to revenue growth and identified opportunities to improve the strategic partnership with the County Council. The challenges experienced by Tricuro were not unique and the assessment provided suggestions to improve Tricuro's sustainability and resilience.

The Managing Director explained that Tricuro's Board had responded to the assessment and highlighted that opportunities for growth were very different now compared to the time of the assessment. She reminded members that Tricuro had delivered significant savings and efficiencies which provided a platform for strategic growth and development. A strategic vision for the future was needed and there needed to be some consideration of the future impact of local authority commissioning on Tricuro.

Members recognised that the current situation was far removed from that when Tricuro was established. They found the report to be useful in identifying future challenges for Tricuro and discussed their possible implications for both the company and the local authorities. It was also recognised that opportunities under the tekal structure had not been fully explored as yet. All members confirmed their wish that the two new Councils continued to work with Tricuro to support the delivery of quality care for the residents of Dorset.

The Transformation Programme Lead for the Adult and Community Forward Together Programme, Dorset County Council, explained that the assessment had provided an independent view of the opportunities and challenges facing Tricuro given the amount of change since its establishment. She also drew attention to the changes that would arise from the introduction of the Integrated Care System. Following the assessment, the County Council would be considering different options to meet residents' needs within the available budget.

Resolved

1. That the Group noted that DCC have confirmed that the financial position for 2019/20 will be completed by December 31st in line with the two-year commissioning intentions set out in 2017/18.

2. That the Group approve the Tricuro Board and DCC to progress the exploration of options for their future to achieve sustainable care within the available resources including impact assessments on all shareholders and the company with progress to be reported to an ESG in February 2019.

Recommended

That the two future shareholders confirm their commitment to the provision of quality care for the residents of Dorset and commit to supporting the Commissioners to develop their strategic vision with Tricuro.