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**DECISIONS OF THE CABINET  
17 MAY 2022**

The following decisions were made by the Cabinet on 17 May 2022 and will come into force and may be implemented on 26 May 2022 unless the decision is called in for scrutiny.

In accordance with the council's constitution, any six members of the same relevant Scrutiny Committee may request the Monitoring Officer to 'call-in' a decision for scrutiny. The Monitoring Officer will be provided with written notice that will identify the decision to be called-in and the ground for the call-in when the request is made. If satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for the proposed call-in, the Monitoring Officer will notify the decision-maker of the call-in within 5 clear working days. The deadline for this request is **25 May 2022**.

The full call-in procedure is set out in the Constitution or for further information and advice please telephone Kate Critchel on 01305 252234

## **6 REVISED INTER AUTHORITY AGREEMENT FOR JOINT ARCHIVES SERVICE**

That the adoption of the revised Inter-Authority Agreement with BCP Council over the provision of the Joint Archives Service be approved.

### **Reason for the decision**

To enable and underwrite proper political, financial, and strategic oversight of the Joint Archives Service.

To provide relevant governance structure to oversee both the strategic direction and standard of service delivered to residents. Ensuring that both governance and accountability are clearly retained by the partner local authorities.

## **7 MINIMUM INCOME GUARANTEES IN CHARGES FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND SUPPORT**

Cabinet agreed that: -

- (i) the Dorset Minimum Income Guarantees (MIG) for financial year 2022/23 should be set at the DH&SC MIG rates, which have been uplifted by 3%.
- (ii) the approach to the review in Dorset, (which began in October 2021) involved first establishing that the MIG rates for 2021-22 were sufficiently robust.
- (iii) Dorset Council should not set a maximum percentage of a person's disposable income (over and above the guaranteed MIG) which may be considered in charging during 2022-23.
- (iv) Dorset Council should not set a maximum charge for receiving care outside a care home during 2022-23.
- (v) Both formal complaints and informal appeals concerning the MIG should be recorded and reported in a way that gives us ongoing feedback about whether the MIG rates we have set have are sufficient.
- (vi) The Dorset MIG rates should be increased whenever the DH&SC rates increase, with any unplanned mid-year increases being funded by efficiencies within the Adult Social Care directorate. Accepting that there is a financial risk to the Council
- (vii) The approach to setting the Dorset Council Personal Expenses Allowance (PEA), (which applies to residents and temporary residents in residential care) should follow the approach to setting the MIG in future, to offer consistency between care settings.
- (viii) Adult Social Care should recommend considering further increases to the MIG and PEA levels as part of setting the Council's 2023-24 budget, and annually thereafter as part of setting future budgets.

- (ix) Dorset Council may wish to consider the impact of the MIG and PEA in any wider suite of measures it identifies for alleviating increases in the cost of living that all residents have experienced, and particularly those who are receiving care and support.

#### **Reason for the decision**

The reason for the recommendations is to achieve transparency and more explicitly meet the expectations of the Department of Health and Social Care's [Care and support statutory guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/care-and-support-statutory-guidance) - particularly paragraphs 8.42–8.48 and Annex C paragraphs 48) - 50).

### **8 RE-PROCUREMENT OF THE LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK FOR CHILDREN AND ADULT SERVICES**

- (i) Cabinet agreed to commence the procurement process, award contracts, and implement the framework as per timetable summarised in 1.4 of the report of 17 May 2022.
- (ii) That the further step of making any framework award be delegated to the Portfolio Holder for Children, Education, Skills and Early Help in consultation with the Executive Director People – Children's.

#### **Reason for the decision**

Cabinet is required to approve all key decisions with financial consequences of £500k or more. The current contractual arrangements will come to an end in March 2023. To be compliant with procurement legalisation, to ensure best value and quality of training provision

### **9 ASPIRE ADOPTION ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022 AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE 2022**

That the Aspire Adoption Annual Report and Statement of Purpose be received and noted.

#### **Reason for the decision**

That Cabinet is satisfied that the Aspire Statement of Purpose accurately describes the activities that the agency discharges on behalf of Dorset Council and the Annual Report satisfies the report that these activities were discharged to a high standard in the last year.