



## PORTFOLIO HOLDER/LEAD MEMBER UPDATE SUMMARY

PORTFOLIO:<sup>1</sup>

Adult Social Care, Health and Housing

CABINET DATE:<sup>2</sup>

12 March 2024

KEY ACTIVITIES SINCE THE  
LAST REPORT:<sup>3</sup>

Earlier this year, Dorset Councils 4<sup>th</sup> Adults & Housing Quality Assurance Board took place. Lead Officers from Dorset Council, along with representatives from system groups including South West Audit Partnership, Healthwatch and the NHS Dorset quality lead were in attendance.

Board members were led through a comprehensive Quality Assurance report looking at activity across Operations, Commissioning and Housing Services, including how we are linking with system partners in quality spaces and the Safeguarding Adults Board.

In Commissioning, the Dorset Care, Support, Housing and Community Safety Framework (Dorset Care Framework 2) represents the main route to the provider market for Adults Services. We are working with providers to procure to our residential care offer, which will help meet the increasingly complex needs of the local older population in the future.

A new supported living scheme for adults with a learning disability and or autism has opened in Dorchester, which is designed to play a key role in enabling people to live with greater independence. The specialist accommodation, in Dorchester's Prince of Wales Road, includes 16 units - 12 flats

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<sup>1</sup> Enter the portfolio area

<sup>2</sup> Insert the date of the Cabinet meeting to which this summary update is to be reported

<sup>3</sup> Provide brief details of the meetings attended, key activities or project milestones completed since the last report

over three stories and four bungalows - and has been developed by Specialist Supported Housing Ltd. Elizabeth Court meets the NHS England Autism standards for accommodation.

In Housing, the team has successfully secured government funding from the Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme (SHAP) to tackle homelessness and rough sleeping in the area, for the third time in a row. The contribution of £1.3 million, will go towards buying and/or renovating accommodation for 10 residents, who are aged between 18 and 25 and have high levels of support needs.

**Savings – 23/24**

We continue to drive forward our challenging savings programme of £9.073m. Our transformation plan has supported us to deliver £8.521m (94%) as of the end of February 2024. As with all demand led budgets, we need to continuously monitor all activity and spend to help inform the year end forecast.

DELEGATED DECISIONS  
MADE:<sup>4</sup>

N/A

ANTICIPATED  
ACTIVITIES/MILESTONES  
FOR NEXT PERIOD:<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Enter details of any delegated decisions made since the last meeting

<sup>5</sup> Provide details of key activities, project milestones or significant meetings anticipated in the next period