
Report of the Scrutiny for Policies, Adults and Health Committee on Medium Term Financial Plan 2019/20

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1. Summary

- 1 This report summarises some of the key areas of debate and the recommendations arising from the Scrutiny for Policies, Adults & Health Committee meeting on 30 January 2019 having considered the Medium Term Financial Plan for Adult Services.

2. Recommendations and comments from the Committee

- 2 Following lengthy debate, significant concern was raised regarding the long-term funding of Adult Social Care services and Members questioned whether the authority could do more to proactively campaign in support of this.

1. Proposed by Cllr M Healey, seconded by Cllr B Revans

The Scrutiny for Policies, Adults & Health Committee recommends that the Cabinet, in partnership with other stakeholders including Group Leaders and Somerset MP's, takes a leading role in proactively lobbying central government about the urgent need for sustainable long-term funding for adult social care in Somerset.

- 2 Significant concern was also raised regarding the sustainability of the adult services budget beyond 2019/20. In particular, Members were concerned that significant pressure would be caused if Adult Social Care services are required to make any further savings or if other service areas were not able to operate within their budgets.

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The Scrutiny for Policies, Adults & Health Committee wishes the Cabinet to be aware of the future risk to adult social care funding, particularly the future capacity to deliver further savings and the impact this will have on preventative services.

3. Consultation

- 3 Cabinet Members and SLT Directors were present at the Committee meeting to respond to any specific questions or alternative proposals. All Members present at the Committee meeting were provided with the opportunity to fully contribute at the meeting.

4. Implications

- 4 The Committee carefully considered the covering report and attachments, points raised during debate and asked for further information about the implications at the meeting. For further details of the reports considered by the Committee please contact the author of this report.

5. Background papers

- 5 Further information about the Committee including the agendas and reports from 30^h January 201 meeting are available via the Council's website.
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