

Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 14 January 2021

The committee asked questions, put comments and recommended that:

- In relation to 'Continuing Healthcare Reviews', it was noted that some of the care packages can be very costly and therefore, was £1 million the minimum amount that the council expected to get.

In addition, members asked how much money the council had tied up in healthcare packages, and what amount the council could receive back from the NHS?

- In relation to 'Productivity and Efficiency in Adult Social Care', concern was raised that savings would be made through cuts to staffing, which would lead to even greater pressures on other council staff and also NHS staff who may also have to pick up additional work.
- In relation to 'Learning Disabilities Future Service Development and Review', concern was raised that monies would be taken away from services that support those with learning disabilities.

Officers advised that the proposal was not about cuts to services but instead about better managing the funds available.

- The committee noted the significant need within the adult social care sector for additional funding, and of the need for councils and other bodies to lobby Government to finalise and publish its Green Paper on Adult Social Care.
- The committee also noted that, due to the council's significant older population it may be more greatly disadvantaged by the growing demand and costs of adult social care services, and that any future governmental reviews of funding should try and take this into account when deciding on the allocation of funds.