



City and County of Swansea

## Notes of the **Scrutiny Performance Panel – Adult Services**

Council Chamber - Guildhall, Swansea

Monday, 11 February 2019 at 11.00 am

**Present:** Councillor P M Black (Chair) Presided

**Councillor(s)**

G J Tanner  
Y V Jardine  
J W Jones

**Councillor(s)**

C A Holley  
P K Jones  
E T Kirchner

**Councillor(s)**

P R Hood-Williams  
S M Jones

**Other Attendees**

Mark Child

Cabinet Member - Care, Health & Ageing Well

**Officer(s)**

David Howes  
Liz Jordan  
Deborah Reed

Director of Social Services  
Scrutiny Officer  
Interim Head of Adult Services

**Apologies for Absence**

Co-opted Member(s): T Beddow

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**1 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.**

Disclosures of interest – Chris Holley and Mark Child

**2 Adult Services Draft Budget Proposals**

Councillor Mark Child, Cabinet Member for Care, Health and Ageing Well, Dave Howes, Director of Social Services and Deb Reed, Interim Head of Adult Services went through the proposed budget proposals in relation to Adult Services highlighting the main issues and answering questions.

**3 Summarising Views and Making Recommendations**

The panel agreed the following views and recommendations on the budget proposals in relation to Adult Services it would like to make to Cabinet:

- 80% of proposed savings have been achieved in this financial year. The savings target for next financial year therefore seems to be ambitious especially as much of the expenditure is demand-led.

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- With us overspending by £1 million this year due to 'resistance from the LHB to discuss equitable and appropriate contributions towards identified packages of care' there was concern in the panel that this will be an ongoing issue in the next financial year. The panel felt that this needs to be resolved as soon as possible if we are to keep to budget for 2019-20
- It is not fully clear when savings kick in from each of the service commissioning reviews or which savings relate to which review. This process appears to be fairly opaque as far as the panel is concerned and we would welcome a more detailed breakdown.
- We will be revisiting the budget again in October so we can more closely monitor the outcomes of the planned efficiency savings.

Following on from this meeting:

The convener will feed in the views of this Panel, along with the conveners of the other panels to the Service Improvement and Finance Panel which meets on 12 February. The convener of the Service Improvement and Finance panel will then attend Cabinet on 14 February to feed in the collective views of the scrutiny performance panels and write a letter to the Cabinet member.

The meeting ended at 12.15pm.