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Health and Care Scrutiny Committee – 10 December 2020

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE HEALTH AND CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD AT ON THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2020

PRESENT

County Councillors A Jenner (Chair), S M Hayes, E Jones, S McNicholas, L Rijnenberg, K M Roberts-Jones, D Rowlands, A Williams, J M Williams and R Williams

Cabinet Portfolio Holders In Attendance: MC Alexander

Officers: Alison Bulman, Corporate Director, Children and Adults and Dylan Owen, Head of Commissioning

1.	APOLOGIES
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors J Gibson-Watt and R Powell

2.	ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR
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RESOLVED that County Councillor L Rijnenberg be elected Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
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There were no declarations of interest.

4.	DISCLOSURE OF PARTY WHIPS
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There were no disclosures of party whips.

5.	MINUTES
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The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the last meeting as a correct record.

6.	ACCESS TO INFORMATION
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RESOLVED to exclude the public for the following item of business on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under category 3 of The Local Authorities (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007).

7.	VALUING DOMICILIARY CARE
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Documents:

- Valuing Domiciliary Care
- Impact Assessment

Discussion:

- The Committee was briefed on proposals to develop the domiciliary care market to ensure its sustainability

Outcomes:

- **The Committee support the proposals**
- **A progress report to be submitted to Committee in December 2021**

8.	WORK PROGRAMME
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It was noted that working group meetings to consider budget proposals had had to be cancelled due to the pressure on the service of the pandemic. The Service had invoked its business continuity plan and was covering mission critical work only. Both services were under pressure, but Adult Services were also emergency responders. Infection rates are up significantly with winter pressures likely to add significantly to workload in January and February. The service is also supporting the roll out of the vaccination programme and a pilot for those who are a-symptomatic.

The Committee would, however, like to see the proposed efficiencies and impact assessments as soon as possible to enable scrutiny to take place and to aid understanding. Some proposals had been considered by the Finance Panel and they seemed to be challenging. Senior officers reiterated that the service was aiming to provide the right service, more effectively and reduce costs. It was acknowledged there had been over provision in the past.

Outcomes:

- **Members would wish to see the following topics covered at future meetings of the Committee or Working Groups**
 - **Risk**
 - **Finance**
 - **Performance**
 - **Criteria for Domiciliary Care**

County Councillor A Jenner (Chair)