

## REPORT OF THE CABINET

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The Cabinet met on 23 April 2019. Attendance:-

Councillor Glazier (Chair)

Councillors Bennett, Bentley, Elkin, Maynard, Simmons, Standley and Tidy

### **1. Scrutiny Review of the Changing Care Market: Information and Signposting**

1.1 The Cabinet has considered a report of the People Scrutiny Committee on its Review of the Changing Care Market: Information and Signposting. The report of the Scrutiny Committee is included elsewhere on the agenda (item 16). In June 2018 the People Scrutiny Committee established a Scoping Board to look into the range of challenges facing the local care market. The Scoping Board identified four key areas for further scrutiny:

- Public understanding and expectations of social care
- Social care workforce challenges
- Developing care markets
- Increasing community resilience, in particular addressing loneliness.

1.2 The Scrutiny Committee has completed its Review covering the first of these areas - public awareness, understanding and expectations.

1.3 The Scrutiny Review of the Changing Care Market: Information and Signposting is welcomed as it provides a timely opportunity to review the provision of information and advice, and to inform the scope of improvements underway such as the Digital Transformation Project.

1.4 In welcoming the findings of the Scrutiny Committee, the Cabinet has considered a report by the Director of Adult Social Care and Health (as set out in Appendix 1 to this report) on the specific recommendations and endorsed it as its response to the recommendations

1.5 The Cabinet, in welcoming the report, recommends the County Council to –

- ✧ approve the response of the Director of Adult Social Care and Health on the implementation of the recommendations in the Scrutiny Committee's report.

### **2. Scrutiny Review of Road Repairs**

2.1 The Cabinet has considered a report of the Place Scrutiny Committee on its Review of Road Repairs. The report of the Scrutiny Committee is included elsewhere on the agenda (item 17). In June 2018, the Place Scrutiny Committee agreed to establish a Review Board to undertake a Scrutiny Review of Road Repairs. The scope of the Review encompassed a number of highways maintenance issues, and in particular examined the Council's approach to pothole repairs. This was following concerns expressed to the Scrutiny Committee about the value for money of the current approach to pothole repairs; the quality of repairs and resurfacing; and dealing with more difficult highway drainage problems. The Review also examined the repair of pavements.

2.2 The Scrutiny Review of Road Repairs is welcomed and in particular the opportunity afforded by this Review to explain to Members how the service operates, the legislation and policies governing highway maintenance, and the Council's approach to maintenance. The Scrutiny Review has highlighted a number of Member concerns about the current approach to road repairs and the maintenance of pavements.

2.3 In welcoming the findings of the Scrutiny Committee, the Cabinet has considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport (as set out in Appendix 2 to this report) on the specific recommendations and endorsed it as its response to the recommendations

2.4 The Cabinet, in welcoming the report, recommends the County Council to –

- ✧ approve the response of the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport on the implementation of the recommendations in the Scrutiny Committee's report.

### **3. Scrutiny Review of the effectiveness of School Travel Plans**

3.1 The Cabinet has considered a report of the Place Scrutiny Committee on its Review of the effectiveness of School Travel Plans. The report of the Scrutiny Committee is included elsewhere on the agenda (item 17). In September 2018 the Place Scrutiny Committee agreed to establish a Review Board to undertake a Scrutiny Review of the effectiveness of School Travel Plans. The scope of the Review encompassed the monitoring of School Travel Plans secured through the planning process, and the existing information in relation to school travel initiatives and guidance in relation to school travel available to access for schools, parents and carers.

3.2 The Scrutiny Review of School Travel Plans is welcomed. School Travel Plans are an important consideration in the planning process, and are often a condition applied to planning applications, so it is important that they are effective when applied.

3.3 Planning applications for new schools often draw negative reaction from local residents, principally around the unwanted effects of school 'drop off' and 'pick up' times. An increase in pupils may equate to an increase in the number of cars, congestion and inappropriate parking, all of which can impact negatively on a community.

3.4. The Communities, Economy and Transport Department fully supports the Committee's recommendations, and is grateful for the work of the Review Board.

3.5 In welcoming the findings of the Scrutiny Committee, the Cabinet has considered a report by the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport (as set out in Appendix 3 to this report) on the specific recommendations and endorsed it as its response to the recommendations

3.6 The Cabinet, in welcoming the report, recommends the County Council to –

- ✧ approve the response of the Director of Communities, Economy and Transport on the implementation of the recommendations in the Scrutiny Committee's report.

23 April 2019

KEITH GLAZIER  
(Chair)