



Rutland County Council

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Minutes of a **MEETING of the CABINET** held at Council Chamber, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6HP on Tuesday, 16th August, 2022 at 10.00 am

PRESENT: Councillor L Stephenson (Chair) Councillor R Powell (Vice-Chair)
Councillor S Harvey Councillor M Oxley
Councillor K Payne Councillor D Wilby

OFFICERS PRESENT: Mark Andrews Chief Executive
Saverio Della Rocca Strategic Director for Resources
Penny Sharp Strategic Director for Places
Angela Wakefield Director of Legal & Governance,
(Monitoring Officer)
David Ebbage Governance Officer

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN AND/OR HEAD OF THE PAID SERVICE

There were no announcements made.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4 MINUTES

Consideration was given to the record of decisions made following the meeting of Cabinet on 12 July.

RESOLVED

That the record of decisions made at the meeting of the Cabinet held on 12 July 2022 be **APPROVED**.

5 ITEMS RAISED BY SCRUTINY

There were no items received.

6 CARE TECHNOLOGY SERVICE PROCUREMENT

Report No.140/2022 was introduced by Councillor S Harvey, Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Adult Care.

It was highlighted that the current contract was due to expire on 31st March 2023 and the current value of the contract was £67,662 per annum.

By 2025 analogue telephone services would be switched off as the UK's telecoms infrastructure is upgraded to digital connectivity. Any new contract must ensure existing telecare and social alarm was not compromised during the switchover.

The service had two elements, staffing and equipment. The procurement model would be for both of those elements to the value of £83,000 per annum. Of this, the staff costs, the circa £33,000 would come from revenue budgets and the equipment costs of circa £50,000 would be funded from the Councils existing Disabled Facility Grant (DFG) Capital Budget.

The contract would be for 3 years starting in April 2023 with an option to extend to a further 3 years. This offered continuity over the digital switchover date.

Following questions it was confirmed that users who had analogue equipment would have it replaced with digital equipment. Part of the contract specifically supported those customers who had the analogue services for them to be switched safely onto digital.

The Council was confident that the proposed costs in the contract would not change and are correct as there had been an underspend in this area.

It was proposed by Councillor S Harvey that the recommendations of report No. 140/2022 be agreed, this was seconded and upon being put to the vote the motion was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED

That Cabinet:

1. **APPROVED** the procurement and overarching award criteria for the Care Technology contract.
2. **AUTHORISED** the Strategic Director for Adult Services and Health, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for adult care. to award the contract resulting from this procurement.

7 ANY ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 13th September 2022

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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.06am.

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