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To: The Chair and Members of the Health and
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HEALTH AND ADULT CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Thursday, 21st March, 2024

A meeting of the Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee is to be held on the above date at 10.30 am at Daw Room (Committee Suite - County Hall) to consider the following matters.

Donna Manson
Chief Executive

A G E N D A

PART 1 - OPEN COMMITTEE

- 1 Chair's Announcements
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Declarations of Interest

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[✘ County councillors who are also district, borough, city, parish or town councillors](#)

4 Minutes (Pages 1 - 18)

Minutes of the meetings held on 24 January 2024, attached.

5 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

Items which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.

6 Public Participation

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MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION OR REVIEW

7 Call In of Cabinet Member Decision - North Devon Link Service (Pages 19 - 48)

In accordance with the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Chair of the Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee (Councillor Randall Johnson) has invoked the call-in procedure in relation to the decision of the Cabinet Member for Integrated Adult Social Care ([Minute *491](#) refers) that:

(a) the North Devon Link Service Drop-in services that run from the Link Centres in Barnstaple, Bideford and Ilfracombe, be closed;

(b) that the closure includes ceasing the short-term enabling support to those service users in receipt of Care Act 2014 eligible services, and to note that the Council and Devon Partnership Trust will assist those people to access alternative equivalent support; and

(c) that the Council work with Devon Partnership NHS Trust and the Devon Mental Health Alliance to support all service users in their transition to alternative community support over a period of 3 months minimum.

The grounds for this call-in are below and this has been discussed with the Monitoring Officer, as required by the Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

“There was insufficient information provided to ensure service users’ future support. Scrutiny has not been given the opportunity to receive evidence and additional information to ensure service users will be provided with a person based support.”

If the Scrutiny Committee decide to not make any recommendations to Cabinet, then the Cabinet Members decision can be implemented immediately. If the Committee ask Cabinet to reconsider the decision or recommend another course

of action, then this will be considered at the Cabinet meeting on 10 April 2024.

The Cabinet Member decision is held in abeyance until the call-in procedure has been concluded.

The three accompanying documents (i.e. Record of Decision, Report and Impact Assessment) are attached for Members and the decision available at [this link](#).

8 Primary Care Update (Pages 49 - 58)

Report of NHS Devon, attached.

9 Integrated Adult Social Care - CQC Assurance and Self-Assessment (Pages 59 - 72)

Report of the Director of Integrated Adult Social Care, Devon County Council (IASC/24/06), attached.

10 Quality Accounts Standing Overview Group (Pages 73 - 80)

Report of the Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Standing Overview Group (LDS/24/15), attached.

11 Health and Adult Care General Update (Pages 81 - 94)

Joint report of the Director of Integrated Adult Social Care at Devon County Council, the Director of Public Health, Communities & Prosperity at Devon County Council, and the Chief Medical Officer of NHS Devon (IASC/24/07), attached

12 Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

In accordance with previous practice, Scrutiny Committees are requested to review the list of forthcoming business and determine which items are to be included in the [Work Programme](#).

The Committee may also wish to review the content of the [Cabinet Forward Plan](#) and the Scrutiny [Risk Registers](#) to see if there are any specific items therein it might wish to explore further.

MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

13 Information Previously Circulated

Below is a list of information previously circulated for Members, since the last meeting, relating to topical developments which have been or are currently being considered by this Scrutiny Committee.

- NHS Dental Services in Devon: Stakeholder Briefing – February 2024
- Integrated Adult Social Care Self-Assessment / Annual Report Masterclass – 27 February 2024 (Recording and Presentation)
- Scrutiny Risk Registers - March 2024

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