

JOINT CABINET AND EMPLOYMENT & GENERAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 2nd May, 2017

Present:-

Councillor P Gilby (Chair)

Councillors	Bagley T Gilby Huckle Ludlow Serjeant	Councillors	Blank Simmons J Innes
Non-Voting Members	Catt		Dickinson

*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

41 **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No declarations of interest were received.

42 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Davenport.

43 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Cabinet and Employment and General Committee of 7 March, 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

44 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC**

RESOLVED –

That under Regulation 21 (1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2000, the

public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the following Paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 – Paragraph 3 on the grounds that it contained information relating to financial or business affairs.

45 **EXTENSION OF FALLS RECOVERY SERVICE OUTSIDE OF CHESTERFIELD BOROUGH**

The Housing Manager submitted a report detailing proposals for the council to provide a Falls Recovery Service outside of the Chesterfield Borough area.

In 2011 Derbyshire County Council had tendered for, and awarded contracts for the delivery of a Floating Visiting Support Service for Older People across Derbyshire. The tender was split into eight areas and Chesterfield Borough Council was awarded the contract to deliver the service across the Chesterfield Borough area. In February 2017, after all providers across Derbyshire had already had their contracts extended by one year, Rykneld Homes and Futures Housing Group declined a further extension and advised Derbyshire County Council that they would no longer be able to continue providing the falls recovery service across their respective areas of North East Derbyshire and Amber Valley. In response to this Derbyshire County Council had approached Chesterfield Borough Council as to whether the council could consider providing a falls recovery service in the areas which had previously had the service provided by Rykneld Homes and Futures Housing Group.

The Housing Manager advised that after a careful analysis of the number, type and location of falls in these areas it had been identified that the council could potentially offer a falls recovery service in the entire North East Derbyshire District, as well as part of Amber Valley Borough that would be able to meet the required response times to clients needed to offer an effective service. In order for Chesterfield Borough Council to be able to provide this extra service it was recommended that a new 30 hour per week Careline Response Officer post be established on a fixed term contract for one year, the report noted that all associated administration costs would be contained within existing budgets. The Housing Manager noted that the new service would be monitored closely to see how it was performing to enable a decision to be made at the end of the fixed period of one year as to whether Chesterfield Borough Council should continue

to deliver a falls recovery service in these areas or consider extending the provision of a falls recovery service into other areas of Derbyshire.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That a falls recovery service be provided in the entire North East Derbyshire District and in the Alfreton (DE55) and Ripley (DE5) areas of Amber Valley Borough for an initial fixed term of one year.
2. That the provision of the extended falls recovery service commence in May, 2017.
3. That an on-going review of the practicalities and costs of providing the service in these areas be carried out in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes and Customers.
4. That a new 30 hour per week Careline Response Officer post be established on a fixed term contract for one year.

REASON FOR DECISIONS

To enable the Council's Falls Recovery Service to be extended to clients living outside of Chesterfield Borough.