



# Public Document Pack Health in Dacorum Agenda

Wednesday 8 March 2023 at 7.30 pm

*Scrutiny making a positive difference: Member led and independent, Overview & Scrutiny Committee promote service improvements, influence policy development & hold Executive to account for the benefit of the Community of Dacorum.*

The Councillors listed below are requested to attend the above meeting, on the day and at the time and place stated, to consider the business set out in this agenda.

#### Membership

Councillor Allen	Councillor Hollinghurst
Councillor Beauchamp	Councillor Johnson
Councillor Bhinder (Chairman)	Councillor Maddern
Councillor Durrant	Councillor Pringle
Councillor Guest (Vice-Chairman)	Councillor Sinha

Substitute Members:  
Councillors

Outside Representatives:

Contributors:

For further information, please contact Corporate and Democratic Support

## **AGENDA**

### **1. MINUTES**

To confirm the minutes from the previous meeting

### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive any apologies for absence

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest

A member with a disclosable pecuniary interest or a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered -

- (i) must disclose the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent

and, if the interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest, or a personal interest which is also prejudicial

- (ii) may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter (and must withdraw to the public seating area) unless they have been granted a dispensation.

A member who discloses at a meeting a disclosable pecuniary interest which is not registered in the Members' Register of Interests, or is not the subject of a pending notification, must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the disclosure.

Disclosable pecuniary interests, personal and prejudicial interests are defined in Part 2 of the Code of Conduct For Members

[If a member is in any doubt as to whether they have an interest which should be declared they should seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer before the start of the meeting]

### **4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

An opportunity for members of the public to make statements or ask questions in accordance with the rules as to public participation

### **5. WARD ISSUE**

### **6. COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **7. COUNTY COUNCIL ADULT CARE SERVICES REPORT (Page 3)**

### **8. WORK PROGRAMME**

## **Hertfordshire County Council Adult Care Services Report for Health in**

Herts. County Council's (HCC's) Adult Care Services Panel held a meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023.

The adult care related parts of HCC's Integrated Plan 2023/24 to 26/27, which includes the 2023/24 HCC Budget, were discussed.

The Council Tax increase of 4.99% will include 2% to support Adult Social Care. The Budget achieves the aim of protecting services for residents. It includes £38 million to ensure that adult care providers can continue to support residents, including a 9.68% wage rise for care staff to help recruitment and retention. It will continue to ensure that Hertfordshire care wages are well above the national and real living wages. Care providers are monitored by HCC to ensure that the funding does get to the staff in wage increases.

The 2022 Adult Safeguarding Peer Review was considered. The review was reciprocal and over two days in October 2022, HCC's adult safeguarding was reviewed by two senior officers from Essex County Council and an independent social worker. The review was undertaken via a series of case audits, interviews with HCC officers and Hertfordshire Safeguarding Board members and a review of local policies.

The review highlighted a number of positive findings, including an understanding of the Making Safeguarding Personal principles – empowerment, prevention, proportionality, protection, partnership and accountability. It also highlighted a number of areas for development, including the use of Making Safeguarding Personal in the assessment forms, to reflect practice.

Peer reviews are useful to give an outside perspective of a service in a way in which the reviewers can act as “critical friends”.

C/Cllr Fiona Guest