

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULTS

MINUTES of the meeting held on Tuesday, 16 June 2026 commencing at 9.00 am and finishing at 9:13 AM

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor Rebekah Fletcher – in the Chair

Officers: Karen Fuller (Director of Adult Social Services), Sharon Peterson (Strategic Commissioner), Isabel Rockingham (Head of Joint Commissioning LC Age Well), Sakina Bi (Commissioning Manager Support and Protect), Francesca Alfieri (Commissioning Officer), Mohamed Cassimjee (Democratic Services Officer)

The Cabinet Member considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting and agreed as set out below. Copies of the agenda and reports are attached to the signed Minutes.

23/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Agenda No. 1/25)

None

24/25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

(Agenda No. 2/25)

The Cabinet Member approved the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2025, as an accurate record of the proceedings.

25/25 QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

(Agenda No. 3/25)

Two questions received from Cllr Imade Edosomwan

26/25 PETITIONS AND PUBLIC ADDRESS

(Agenda No. 4/25)

None received

27/25 COMPLEX NEEDS SUPPORTED LIVING

(Agenda No. 5/25)

The Cabinet Member considered the report which indicated that the new Complex Needs supported living contract and developments were a critical aspect of Oxfordshire's local offer. The purpose was to support people on the Dynamic Support

Register with a learning disability and/or autism who were most at risk of admission under the Mental Health Act.

The contract would provide support to people to whom the Council owed a duty under the Care Act 2014 and / or under Section 117 MHA 1983. The contract would also support individuals with complex needs (learning disability and/or autism), with a focus on bringing people currently placed out of county back into Oxfordshire.

The Cabinet Member welcomed the focus on supporting residents to return to Oxfordshire and noted the importance of the service.

Resolved to:

- a) Agree to tender a new Complex Needs supported living contract via a mini competition through the Live Well Supported Services Framework Lot 2.**
- b) To delegate authority to the Director for Adult Social Services, to award and enter into such contract following the completion of the procurement process.**

28/25 STAYING WELL AT HOME FRAMEWORK MODEL

(Agenda No. 6/25)

The Cabinet Member considered a report that sought approval to procure a new Staying Well at Home (SWAH) framework to replace the current Living Well at Home (LWAH) arrangement, which expires in March 2027.

Delivery of these services was part of the Council's statutory duty under the Care Act 2014 which provided care and support for people in their own homes. These services also supported the 'Home First' approach to support residents to live independently at home for longer. It was indicated that the new framework builds on the existing model but incorporates improvements following a comprehensive review.

Resolved to:

- a) Note the outcome of the review of the current Live Well at Home (LWAH) framework, including engagement with residents, carers and providers, and the case for a revised approach to commissioning home care and reablement services.**
- b) Approve the procurement of a new successor Staying Well at Home (SWAH) framework for the delivery of statutory home care and reablement services from 1 April 2027 for a period of up to 8 years to 2035.**
- c) Approve in principle the development of integrated**

commissioning arrangements with the Thames Valley Integrated Care Board (ICB) for home care services, in line with the proposed SWAH model.

- d) Note that SWAH will also provide a mechanism for Thames Valley Integrated Care Board to purchase home care for adults who are eligible for support under the NHS Continuing Healthcare Framework and that the Council's s75 NHS Act Pooled Commissioning Agreement with the ICB will be varied to enable these changes.
- e) Delegate authority to the Director of Adult Social Care, in consultation with the Director of Law and Governance and Section 151 Officer, to:
 - a) undertake the procurement process for the SWAH framework
 - b) award and enter into framework agreements
 - c) finalise and enter into any necessary partnership agreements with the ICB to support implementation of the SWAH model
 - d) manage, operate and, where appropriate, re-open or vary the framework over its duration

Annex

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ITEM 3 – QUESTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Questions are listed in the order in which they were received. Should any questioner not have received an answer in that time, a written answer will be provided.

1. COUNCILLOR IMADE EDOSOMWAN	COUNCILLOR REBEKAH FLETCHER, CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULTS
<p><u>Agenda Item 5: Complex Needs Supported Living</u></p> <p>How will the new Complex Needs Supported Living contract improve outcomes for residents compared with the current arrangements, and what measures will be used to assess its success?</p>	<p>The new Complex Needs Supported Living contract is intended to improve outcomes by increasing the availability of specialist, in-county supported living for adults with a learning disability and/or autism who have complex needs. This includes people on the Dynamic Support Register at risk of admission to hospital by detention under the Mental Health Act 1983, people ready to be discharged from hospital, and people currently placed out of county where a</p>

move back to Oxfordshire would better meet their needs.

Compared with current arrangements, the new contract will provide a more planned and consistent model of support. It will enable people to live closer to their families, communities and local professional support networks, with their own front door in self-contained accommodation. The model is designed to be less restrictive than hospital, secure or some out-of-county residential placements, while still providing the specialist support needed to keep people safe and well.

The contract will also give the council stronger oversight than individual spot-purchased placements, particularly those outside of Oxfordshire. It will include clear quality requirements, regular contract monitoring, and a support model based on strengths, independence, Positive Behaviour Support, trauma-informed practice, autism-informed approaches and least restrictive support. This should help people build skills, increase independence and reduce reliance on paid support over time where it is safe and appropriate to do so.

Success of the contract will be assessed through a combination of individual outcomes, quality measures and contract key performance indicators. These will include:

- the number of people supported to move from hospital, secure settings or out-of-county placements into suitable in-county supported living;
- reductions in avoidable admissions and support for timely discharge where hospital admission has been necessary;
- evidence that people are supported to live more independently, including through an agreed outcomes tool focused on strengths, skills and resilience;
- delivery of least restrictive support, including appropriate reductions in one-to-one support hours over time where needs reduce;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • quality assurance through regular contract monitoring, including quarterly strategic contract meetings with Commissioning, Operations, Quality Improvement, Procurement and Finance; • feedback from people supported, families, professionals and the provider about whether support is safe, person-centred and helping people achieve better outcomes; and • improved value for money through reduced reliance on out-of-county spot placements and better use of the council’s capital investment in specialist accommodation. <p>Overall, the contract is expected to deliver better outcomes by providing more local, specialist and person-centred support, while giving the council stronger assurance over quality, cost and delivery.</p>
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