

COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS TO CABINET – 23 November 2023

Question 1

Councillor Pauline Crockett, Queenswood, Hereford

To: Councillor Stoddart, Cabinet member finance and corporate services

In Feb this year Full Council agreed a £4 million All Ages Social Care Budget, this appears to have now been omitted. Could I ask how we can be assured that savings and efficiencies will be delivered especially in Childrens without this investment going ahead?

Response

The Quarter 2 Budget Report for 2023/24 notes that the £4.0 million All Ages Social Care budget approved by Council in February 2023 has been applied to Directorate budgets in 2023/24 to meet additional demand and cost pressures in the Community Wellbeing (£2.6 million) and the Children & Young People (£1.4 million).

In the Community Wellbeing Directorate, the £2.6 million allocation has been applied to Physical Support and Learning Disability client budgets to manage additional demand and cost pressures in 2023/24.

In the Children & Young People Directorate, the £1.4 million allocation has been used to support delivery of the children's improvement plan.