

COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet Member (Health and Adult Services) held at 10am on 30 July 2013

Present:

Cabinet Members: Councillor Gingell

Other Members: Councillor Noonan and Thomas

Employees (by Directorate):

Community Services: M Godfrey and R Innes

Customer & Workforce Services: S Symonds

Finance & Legal Services:

Public business

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. The Development and Implementation of an Internet Based Model for Individuals to Privately Purchase Disability Related Equipment [\(Report\)](#)

The Cabinet Member considered a report of the Director of Community Services, which sought permission to develop and implement an internet based model for individuals to privately purchase disability related equipment.

The proposed model would encourage individuals to access a professional assessment from a member of the occupational therapy team prior to making any decisions about the private purchase of equipment. The Council had a duty to meet eligible needs. Where equipment was required to meet non eligible needs the member of staff would find the type of equipment that would be most suitable to meet those needs from the range of equipment available through the on-line outlet.

The proposed model would ensure that the sale value through the on-line outlet was competitive to equipment costs nationally. The Council would act as an introductory agent, which would attract a percentage income from every purchase made on the site.

The provider of the on-line outlet would be responsible for ensuring that there was a wide range of equipment available for purchase from a range of suppliers nationally. The contract would be between the individual purchaser and the retailer. If the equipment was faulty or not suitable immediately after purchase, the equipment could be returned to the retailer for a full refund. This was a statutory right of all consumers.

RESOLVED that after due consideration of the report and the matters raised at the meeting, the Cabinet Member approved the development and implementation of an internet based model for individuals to privately purchase disability related equipment.

3. **Any Other Public Business**

There were no other items of public business.

(Meeting closed at: 10.19am)