

**Meeting of the Adult Social Care Select Committee
Wednesday 5th March, 2025 at 6.00pm
in Committee Room 2 at the Council House,
Priory Road, Dudley, DY1 1HF**

**Agenda - Public Session
(Meeting open to the public and press)**

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To report the appointment of any substitute members serving for this meeting of the Committee.
3. To receive any declarations of interest under the Members' Code of Conduct.
4. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 20th November, 2024 – (Pages 4-16).
5. Adult Social Care Select Committee Progress Tracker and Future Business – (Pages 17-20)
6. Public Forum
7. Market Position and Market Sustainability - (Pages 21-40)
8. Blue Badge Fraud - (Pages 41-68)
9. Adult Social Care Workforce - (Pages 69-82)
10. Care Quality Commission (CQC) Inspection Readiness and Performance – (Pages 83-104)
11. Continuing Healthcare Funding in Dudley – verbal update



12. To consider any questions from Members to the Chair where two clear days' notice has been given to the Interim Monitoring Officer (Council Procedure Rule 11.8).



Interim Chief Executive

Dated: 25th February 2025

Distribution:

Councillor S Turner (Chair)

Councillor A Smith (Vice-Chair)

Councillors A Aston, A Davies, S Edwards, A Hopwood, L Johnson, A Qayyum, C Reid, T Russon, and I Sandall.

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