

# **FINANCE AND IMPROVEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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## **MEMBER QUESTIONS**

### **1. Councillor Thomas Clayton**

#### **Question:**

Why were the financial pressures within adult social care not fully reflected in the original budget setting process, and what specific assumptions were made at that time which have since proven inaccurate? In light of the recurring nature of these pressures, can a clear explanation be provided as to why they were not anticipated, and what concrete changes have been made to the budget-setting methodology to ensure that these costs are properly and transparently accounted for in future years rather than repeatedly emerging as in-year pressures?