

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing

Title	To extend the council's current commissioned home care frameworks
Decision maker	Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	1 September 2026
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant. This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	To approve an extension of the existing commissioned home care frameworks until 30 April 2027, with an option for the council to extend for up to a further four months, until 31 August 2027. This will ensure continuity of care to those with assessed eligible needs, maintaining stability in a pressured provider market, and enable transition to a new and different commissioning approach (Care in Your Home). This will provide a stronger framework and service, that is fit and robust for Herefordshire's future ageing population needs. The new approach will be set out and approval sought through council governance (see point 5) and the programme is

	progressing in line with the target timescales.
Decision	That: a) Approval is granted for an extension of the existing home care framework arrangements to 30 April 2027, with an option for the council to extend for up to a further four months until 31 August 2027; b) Delegated authority be granted to the Corporate Director Community Wellbeing to implement the extensions and associated contractual arrangements to support the transition to the Care in Your Home (CIYH) commissioning approach planned for implementation from 1 May 2027
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50054115
Options considered	1. Do not extend the existing home care frameworks and allow the current arrangements to expire This option would involve concluding the current frameworks at their scheduled end date of 31 October 2026 and either ceasing current service delivery or moving to temporary alternative arrangements until the new CIYH approach is in place from 1 May 2027 (and no later than 1 September 2027). This option is not recommended, as it presents unacceptable risk to approximately 834 service users currently in receipt of home care services. It could also potentially lead to market instability, due to lack of contractual certainty, along with higher costs from temporary purchasing arrangements. It could also impact on the council's ability to meet its statutory duties under the Care Act 2014 and will not provide a safe or controlled transition to the new CIYH approach. 2. Proceed directly to procurement and implementation of the new Care in Your Home approach without extending the current frameworks This option is not recommended, as sufficient time is required to fully research, scope and develop the new CIYH approach, in order to ensure the council has a long term sustainable home care service to support the needs of its residents, both now and in the future. 3. Extend the current frameworks for a longer period This option would provide a longer extension to existing arrangements beyond the proposed period. This option is not recommended, as a longer extension would delay the

	required implementation of the CIYH approach and may not satisfy the proposed extension justification pursuant to the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015). The proposed extension provides sufficient time to support the development and implementation of CIYH.
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	7 September 2026

Councillor: Cabinet member adults, health and wellbeing (Councillor Carole Gandy)	Date 1 September 2026
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

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- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.