

## WRITTEN STATEMENT OF A KEY DECISION CABINET

<b>ITEM:</b>	<b>OPEN BOOK REVIEW</b>
Members Present:	Councillors: H Bramer, RB Hamilton, J Millar, PM Morgan, RJ Phillips, GJ Powell, PD Price (Deputy Leader).
Date of Decision:	20 June 2013
Exempt:	No
Confidential	No
<p>This is a key decision because</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>A notice was served in accordance with Part 3, Section 9 (Publicity in connection with key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.</p>	
Urgency/Special Urgency: (As defined in Constitution)	No
Purpose:	To propose changes to the weekly fees paid in relation to nursing care homes for older people for 2013/14. The report also indicates a change for the next three years prior to a further review of costs. The next full review will be 2016/17.

<p><b>Decision:</b></p>	<p><b>THAT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the Open Book Review approach that has been used, including evaluation of the alternative options and methodology for evolving the Herefordshire model be noted;</li> <li>b) the proposed Maximum Usual Price (MUP) (as set out in paragraph 11.2, table 1 of the report) for older people’s residential and nursing care purchased by the council, be approved as the preferred option for further consultation with providers and the involvement of the Health &amp; Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and</li> <li>c) delegated authority be given to the director for people’s services, in consultation with the cabinet member Health &amp; Wellbeing, having due regard to the outcome of the further consultation, to finalise the MUP and undertake a formal procurement exercise. This procurement exercise shall include the introduction of a new outcome based contract and framework approach, and an annual indexing process, with a view to implementation of this MUP, effective from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2014, and a further review scheduled for 2017.</li> </ul>
<p>Reasons for the Decision:</p>	<p>The Council must stay within its available resources but has a duty of care to older people who are placed in care homes to ensure they are properly cared for.</p> <p>The benchmark review has identified weekly fees paid for nursing and residential care homes are far higher than that of its neighbours, West Midland authorities and comparator authorities. Action is required to ensure payments made to nursing and residential care home providers are fair and provide the requisite quality to clients placed in their care. Implementation of an MUP and a new contract, will contribute to improved market management and consistency of quality and fairness in price. The three year model, reviewed annually, will enable the market to plan their budget effectively and also provide stability to the self-funded market.</p>
<p>Options Considered:</p>	<p>There are no Alternative Options. Not establishing an MUP and establishing a quality outcome based specification would not enable the council to be financially sustainable and discharge its responsibility for the quality of social care providers.</p>
<p>Conflict of Interest ■ (See below):</p>	
<p>Date the key decision is due to take effect:</p>	<p>27 June 2013</p>

**COUNCILLOR PD PRICE** .....Date: 20 June 2013  
**DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

And

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.

<b>To be completed by officer:</b>	
Date consent received from Chairman of the Health & Social Care Overview & Scrutiny Committee:	No response received
Subject to Call-in:	This Decision was not called in
Was the decision modified?	No
If yes Cabinet Member (.....) decision reference:	Not applicable
If no any comment(s) to be noted	Not applicable
Date original decision took effect:	27 June 2013