

**Written statement of a key decision**  
**Cabinet**

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| <b>Title</b>   | <b>New Arrangements for Commissioned Home Care</b>   |
| Decision maker   | Cabinet<br>Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here:<br><a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</a>  |
| Date of decision   | 24 June 2021   |
| Report exemption class   | Open   |
| Reason for being a key decision  | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| 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 the tender for a new home care framework which will commence from 1 November 2021 due to the cessation of the current framework. This will ensure high quality providers support the eligible needs of adults to remain safe and independent in their own home.   |
| <b>Decision</b>  | <p><b>That:</b></p> <p><b>a) A framework for the purchasing of commissioned home care services be introduced from 1 November 2021;</b></p> <p><b>b) The duration of the framework will be four years with the option to extend for a further 12 months;</b></p>  |

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|   | <p><b>c) Applicants admission to the framework will be determined via competitive tender;</b></p> <p><b>d) The director for adults and communities is authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to implement the above recommendations.</b></p> <p><b>e) That cabinet approves the response to the scrutiny recommendations in Appendix 2.</b></p>  |
| Reason for the decision   | <p>As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at</p> <p><a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50037076">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50037076</a></p>   |
| Options considered  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Entirely insourcing the provision of home care; this is not recommended due to the significant additional costs.</li> <li>2 Partially insourcing the provision of home care for rural packages. This could address the challenge of providing commissioned care in rural areas. This is not recommended; rural packages would increase the cost of home care. It would also reduce the amount of commissioned care by around 25%. This could undermine the operational and financial viability of providers.</li> <li>3 An open approved list could be introduced as an alternative to a closed framework. This is not recommended because this could increase the number of providers with an associated increase in competition for home care packages which would further erode provider's operational and financial viability.</li> <li>4 With the relevant approvals and consent of service providers the current notice period under the existing home care agreement could be extended for a further specified period. This is not recommended: commissioners have been working with providers for a considerable time on the co-produced proposal. The market is expecting the tender, which has already been delayed by 12 months as a result of the on-going pandemic. A further extension would prolong the period of uncertainty. It would also only provide a short-term solution and not address the structural issues associated with the current arrangements.</li> </ol> |
| Declarations of interest (see below)  |  |
| Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply) | 30 June 2021   |

Councillor: .....

Date 24 June 2021

Leader of the Council (Councillor David Hitchiner)

- 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.