

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

<b>Title</b>	<b>Block contracted beds in Care homes</b>
Decision maker	Cabinet Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251</a>
Date of decision	29 February 2024
Report exemption class	Part exempt
A notice was served in accordance with Part 2, Section 5(2) (Procedures prior to private meetings) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012. Further notice was served in accordance with Part 2, Section 5(4) of the same regulations.	
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, Section 9 (Publicity in connection with 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 to commence and contract award for a block contract of care home beds which will commence from April 2024
<b>Decision</b>	<p><b>That:</b></p> <p>a) Approval is given to progress with option 2 in Appendix 3 of this report to commission thirty block purchased care home</p>

	<p>beds across Herefordshire for a period of up to 5 years with a maximum spend up to £6.82million.</p> <p>b) Delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director for Community Wellbeing to take all operational decisions required to implement the above recommendation including all contractual arrangement.</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=50047180">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50047180</a></p>
Options considered	<p>1 Do nothing. This is not recommended as the fees for spot purchased care home beds are rising.</p> <p>2 Commission a smaller number of block care home beds. This could address some of the challenges of finding care home placements but this is not recommended given the rising costs of spot fees and the impact of this on the Community Wellbeing directorate budget.</p> <p>3 Go out to market and purchase more block care home beds. This may be an option in the longer term, but there are some risks attached to this proposal in the short term due to the high projected value of the contracts and the need to resource the monitoring of utilisation of these block contracts.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	6 March 2024

<p>Councillor: .....</p> <p>Leader of the Council (Councillor Jonathan Lester)</p>	<p>Date 29 February 2024</p>
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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;
- and
- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.