

## Record of Officer Decision

<b>Decision title:</b>	Contract mechanism for the purchase of block beds in care homes
<b>Date of decision:</b>	2nd October 2024
<b>Decision maker:</b>	Corporate Director for Community Wellbeing
<b>Authority for delegated decision:</b>	Block contracted beds in Care homes <a href="#">Decision - Block contracted beds in Care homes - Herefordshire Council</a> “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.”
<b>Ward:</b>	Countywide
<b>Consultation:</b>	The Cabinet Member Adults, Health and Wellbeing has been consulted on this decision.  In addition, the Service Director, All Age Commissioning and Head of Law – Corporate have been consulted.
<b>Decision made:</b>	Agreement to use a framework contract mechanism in order to secure the procurement on the 30 block care home beds agreed by cabinet in February 2024.
<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	The utilisation of a framework mechanism will enable the council to balance risks of funding unoccupied beds during the lifetime of the contract, through incentivising providers to accept referrals and minimise periods that beds are unoccupied; whilst balancing this with incentives for providers to secure long term funding for care home beds at pre-agreed rates over the next 5 years.
<b>Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:</b>	Minimal risk as awarding through an individual framework and achieving best value for money from established providers in the market. No change in the budget allocation.
<b>Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:</b>	Fixed Long Term Block contract – this would require the council to commit to paying for all the commissioned beds with a provider from a fixed date until the end date of the contract, with less flexibility to step beds up and down in the way that a framework contract allows.
<b>Details of any declarations of interest made:</b>	None

Signed:

Date: 02/10/2024

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