

RECORD OF DECISION BY CITY MAYOR OR INDIVIDUAL
EXECUTIVE MEMBER

1.	DECISION TITLE	Future of the Council's Eight Elderly Persons Homes and the provision of Intermediate Care facilities
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None
3.	DATE OF DECISION	15 October 2013
4.	DECISION MAKER	Assistant Mayor – Councillor Rita Patel
5.	DECISION TAKEN	<p>1. To close and sell the Council's Eight Elderly Persons Homes subject to the phased approach as set out below.</p> <p>2. To approve the Intermediate Care and Short Term Residential Care Commissioning Strategy (ICSTRCCS)</p> <p>3. To approve, in accordance with the ICSTRCCS, the development of Intermediate Care Facilities for 60 beds and to close Brookside Court accordingly.</p> <p>Phase I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close Elizabeth House, Herrick Lodge and Nuffield House in 2014 and move the residents to other residential care homes. • Market for sale Abbey House and Cooper House as going concerns in 2014/15. <p>Phase II – To proceed, subject to confirmatory Executive decisions, following an evaluation of Phase I and its consideration by the ASC Scrutiny Commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close Preston Lodge in 2015/16. • Market for sale Arbor House and Thurn Court as going concerns. Procurement expected to commence in 2015/16 with sale anticipated in 2016/17. • Close Brookside Court following the opening of new Intermediate Care facilities. <p>In making these decisions, assurance is given that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Current residents and their families/carers will be fully supported through all changes, including detailed plans developed carefully with and for every resident moving to another residential home. b) The Council will invest in Extra Care housing to increase the number of supported self-contained flats available for older people in the city. This reflects the increasing demand for this type of accommodation. c) The Council's quality monitoring of the independent residential homes will be enhanced to ensure the provision of good quality of care and quality standards will be published. This will include raising awareness of the standards and staff training and development.

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6.	REASON FOR DECISION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older people prefer to remain in their own homes for longer, with community based support, such as home care. • When older people can no longer live in their own home, often they need nursing care, which the Council cannot legally provide. • Consequently the demand for residential care is falling, both in the independent sector and the Council's Elderly Persons Homes. • Overall the Council homes have high level of vacancies. • On average the cost of a placement in the independent sector is £401 per person per week, compared to £805 per person per week for the Council's provision, based on actual costs in 2012/13 and average occupancy between April to July 2013. • The independent residential care home sector is financially stable and the number of bed spaces has increased by 125 bed spaces since 2013. • The independent sector has enough vacancies to accommodate any residents displaced by closure in Phase I. • The development of the Intermediate Care facilities will provide short term support for people who require a period of reablement or other types of short term care in order to retain or re-gain their independence.
7.	a) KEY DECISION Y/N? b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? y/n	Y Y
8.	OPTIONS CONSIDERED	<p>1. No change</p> <p>This is not an option, due to the declining numbers and cost of the Council providing residential care compared to the independent sector.</p> <p>2. Close all of the homes</p> <p>This is not feasible nor desirable. There are insufficient vacancies in the independent sector to accommodate in the region of 161 people at this time. However, the phased approach would mean that as at 23.9.2013, 36 people would need to move to alternative accommodation in phase I and the independent sector could cope with this number. The market has demonstrated there exists an appetite within independent sector for purchase of some of the Council's Homes as going concerns.</p> <p>3. Sell or lease all of the Homes as going concerns</p> <p>This is not an option because a soft market testing exercise showed there is no demand to buy or lease all of the eight homes. However, there was expression from providers to buy some of the homes.</p> <p>The Decision Maker has considered all relevant material</p>

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		in coming to this decision, including the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission Report dated July 2013.
9.	<p>DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Members of a Scrutiny Commission or any 5 Councillors can ask for the decision to be called-in. • Notification of Call-In with reasons must be made to the Monitoring Officer 	22 October 2013
10.	<p>SIGNATURE OF DECISION MAKER (City Mayor or where delegated by the City Mayor, name of Executive Member)</p>	

