

# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF MEMBER DELEGATED DECISION

### APPROVAL FOR INVESTMENT TO COMPLETE FIRE SAFETY WORKS AT HOWBURY HOUSE RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME

<b>Date of Decision</b>	6 April 2023
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
<b>Brief Description of Decision</b>	To let the contract for required fire safety works to be progressed at Howbury House Care Home and agreeing that funding for the work is allocated from the Investment in Community Capacity/Specialist Housing Capital Programme provision for an estimated £0.8 million plus c£95k for specialist project management resource.
<b>Reason(s) for Decision</b>	To carry out remedial work to Howbury House as quickly as possible whilst minimising disruption to the residents.
<b>Alternative Options Considered and Rejected</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. To move residents to another home, either on a temporary or permanent basis. This has been discounted as the comparable market price for residents to move to an alternative care home is more expensive than the current costs to retain Howbury House;</li><li>b. There is a risk to life to move elderly people, with complex dementia care needs from one home to another.</li><li>c. If permanent closure was undertaken, there would be significant reputational risk associated with a formal public consultation to close Howbury House and move residents to alternative accommodation.</li></ol>
<b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</b>	None.

<b>Signature of Decision Maker</b>	Adrian Hardman
<b>Date of Implementation of Decision</b>	6 April 2023 In accordance with constitutional requirements, the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board has agreed that this decision is urgent and can be implemented immediately. Delay caused by the Call-in process would seriously prejudice the interests of the Council and the residents of Howbury House.