


# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF MEMBER DELEGATED DECISION

### Title of Decision

<b>Date of Decision</b>	18 November 2022
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Councillor Andy Roberts, Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Children and Families
<b>Brief Description of Decision</b>	<b>The Cabinet Member agrees to the proposed closure of Bricklehampton (the Riddings) children's home.</b>
<b>Reason(s) for Decision</b>	<p>Worcester Children First continue to build upon their edge of care approach as set out in the report to Cabinet on 24 June 2021, with an emphasis on care outside institutions;</p> <p>There have been difficulties in enabling 4 children with challenging behaviour to live together at the home, which has been noted by OFSTED;</p> <p>Currently the home has an inadequate rating and does not have support in the community;</p> <p>There are recruitment issues which are mirrored across the sector.</p>
<b>Alternative Options Considered and Rejected</b>	It would be difficult to place more children in the home as it is subject to a restriction notice imposed by OFSTED. Investing in improving the rating and filling the places in the home is not guaranteed to be successful. The council's approach to edge of care emphasises avoiding institutional care.
<b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</b>	None

<b>Signature of Decision Maker</b>	
<b>Date of Implementation of Decision</b>	25 November 2022