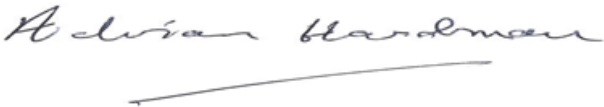


WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF MEMBER DELEGATED DECISION

Day Opportunities

Date of Decision	13 December 2021
Decision Maker	Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Adult Social Care
Brief Description of Decision	<p>The CMR was delegated the final decision on day opportunities for adults with a learning disability by Cabinet at its meeting on 13 July 2021, which also authorised public consultation on the proposals.</p> <p>Having considered the feedback and learning from the public consultation, the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Adult Social Care approved the future day opportunities offer as outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Council provided Resource Centre/building based offer for service users with complex needs where a staff to service user ratio is 1:1/1:2/ 2:1 including young people transitioning into adult services• An externally provided befriending/peer support service for individuals who may be older, or for those whose primary need is support for social skills• An externally provided community-based offer for individuals with less complex needs (staff to service user ratio of 1:5/1:8) <p>The learning from the consultation outlined the importance of working with service users to design and implement the future offer. This work will include co-designing the Resource Centre/building based offer with key stakeholders as well as the newly developed befriending / peer support offer.</p> <p>The Strategic Director for People is also authorised to implement the proposed changes to day opportunities provision, which in time will mean the closure of council provided Connect Services</p>

<p>Reason(s) For Decision</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is capacity in the market to meet the needs of individuals and in areas where this isn't the case, we will work with providers to develop services to meet need over time. • Individuals have expressed that they want more choice of activities • To ensure that individuals are supported in the appropriate way and according to their needs ie someone with complex needs would be better supported in a resource centre instead of a Connects service • There is inequity in what individuals are receiving across the county around, transport, numbers of days supported and buildings • Service Users have been enjoying the variety of opportunities offered in the External Market supported through Connects. • Solutions can be created to help maintain friendships • Increase in demand on provision, as young people transition into adult services, and the need to make changes.
<p>Alternative Options Considered And Rejected</p>	<p>(a) To maintain the current service offer – this has been rejected as the current offer does not meet future demand and limits the choice available for service users/carers</p> <p>(b) To consolidate the Connect Services into a north and south offer – this has been rejected as it will increase transport costs, not improve choice or manage the increase in demand on services</p>
<p>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Signature of Decision Maker</p>	
<p>Date of Implementation of Decision</p>	<p>21 December 2021</p>