

# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Item	Outcome
<b>Date Of Decision</b>	25 March 2020
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Elaine Carolan, Interim Strategic Director for People
<b>Brief Description of Decision</b>	<p>In line with advice from the NHS and to ensure prompt discharge from hospital (and to potentially avoid hospital admissions) it was agreed to pre-purchase (block) beds in Residential Care Homes and Nursing Care Homes for Older People for a period of three months from 30 March 2020. Purchasing in this way ensured there was an adequate supply of beds to meet anticipated needs identified for a) minimising hospital admissions for older people, where possible and b) facilitating discharge of older people from hospital to maximise hospital capacity to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>These additional payments will relate to clients who have been discharged from hospital or to prevent hospital admission, therefore funding will be claimed from the hospital discharges grant via the CCG.</p>
<b>Reason(s) For Decision</b>	<p>Covid-19 emergency arrangements have resulted in some care homes closing to new admissions and the number of vacancies in care homes has declined and is expected to decline further as additional homes decide to close to new admissions. Block purchasing beds will enable the County Council to have access to beds at a guaranteed price and not be subject to supply constraints with an associated impact on bed prices.</p>
<b>Alternative Options Considered and Rejected</b>	None
<b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</b>	N/A