

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Item	Outcome
Date of Decision	20 April 2020
Decision Maker	Elaine Carolan, Interim Strategic Director for People
Brief Description of Decision	<p>To contract with a homecare agency on a block contract basis. The block contract will deliver 450 hours of homecare per week in Wyre Forest, Malvern Hills, Worcester City and Bromsgrove for a duration of up to 6 months (initial contract length of 4 months, with an option to extend by a further 2 months for either all or a geographical part of the contract)</p> <p>The contract will start in the week commencing 20 April 2020.</p> <p>Where these additional payments relate to clients who have been discharged from hospital or are made to prevent hospital admission, funding will be claimed via the CCG, otherwise the payments will be funded by the additional grant being allocated to local authorities.</p>
Reason(s) For Decision	<p>The block contract supports domiciliary care in identified areas of Worcestershire, in order to meet increased demand as a result of COVID-19 pressures and provide a broader range of support by offering care 7 days a week, from 8am until 8pm.</p> <p>The block contract will support the Council's internal homecare service by taking on packages of care at short notice and therefore freeing up the Pathway 1 capacity to facilitate further discharge from hospital.</p> <p>The block contract will also deliver additional capacity in areas, primarily Malvern and rural areas around Malvern, where sourcing packages of homecare is often difficult to do.</p> <p>The additional capacity commissioned through the contract will enable the mitigation of risk during the COVID-19 period, to enable the Council to respond quickly to increases in demand as and when they arise.</p>
Alternative Options Considered and Rejected	Alternative option would be to rely on the capacity within the existing homecare market for the duration of the pandemic. There is capacity in some areas but current contracts with providers do not support the

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	8 until 8 working across 7 days a week and would not allow for risk mitigation as outlined above.
Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted	N/a