

# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

<b>Date Of Decision</b>	7 November 2016
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Sander Kristel Director of Adult Services
<b>Brief Description Of Decision</b>	<p>Cabinet on 5 February 2015 received a report on the implementation of the Care Act and authorised the Director of Adult Services and Health to update the Council's Deferred Payments Agreement scheme in line with the Care Act. The Scheme was approved via Officer Executive Decision on 16 March 2015.</p> <p>This scheme has been reviewed and this decision is to approve the updated Deferred Payments Agreement Scheme. The scheme now includes clarification that agreements can be made to those in Extra Care housing "in exceptional circumstances".</p>
<b>Reason(s) For Decision</b>	<p>Deferred Payment Agreements offer flexibility for when and how someone pays for their care and support such that the costs can be deferred until death. It is designed to avoid people being forced to sell their home during their lifetime, however many people choose to enter into an Agreement</p> <p>The Care Act 2014 introduced a national Deferred Payment Agreement scheme across England (replacing local schemes) and local authorities are required to offer a deferred payment to people who meet specified criteria. The policy is reviewed on a regular basis and this confirms the position regarding those who wish to apply for a DPA who are in Extra Care housing.</p>
<b>Alternative Options Considered And Rejected</b>	The Deferred Payment Agreement scheme is a requirement under the Care Act legislation. The Council has offered a scheme for a number of years, but the scheme has now been updated to ensure Care Act compliance.
<b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation</b>	Not Applicable

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