

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF MEMBER DELEGATED DECISION

PROPOSED CHANGES TO OWNERSHIP/CONTROL AND GOVERNANCE OF HEALTHWATCH

Date Of Decision	24 March 2017
Decision Maker	Mr J H Smith CMR for Health and Well-being
Brief Description Of Decision	<p>(a) notes the delivery of Healthwatch functions by Healthwatch Worcestershire (HWW) since 2013, and the technical governance control held by the County Council over HWW to date;</p> <p>(b) notes the competitive tender process and subsequent award of a new contract to HWW from April 2016; and</p> <p>(c) agrees that the corporate governance of HWW should be independent of the Council which should therefore release any governance control over it, and authorises the Director of Public Health and Head of Legal and Democratic Services to take all necessary steps to put this into effect.</p>
Reason(s) For Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to ensure independence of HWW from the Council
Alternative Options Considered And Rejected	(a) retaining current arrangements, which do not enable independence.
Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any	None

dispensation granted	
Signature of Decision Maker	Mr J H Smith