

# WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

<b>Date Of Decision</b>	16 March 2015
<b>Decision Maker</b>	Dr Richard Harling Director of Adult Services and Health
<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.</p> <p>This decision is to approve the updated Deferred Payments Agreement Scheme.</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 introduces 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.</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 granted</b>	Not Applicable