

Cabinet



Date of meeting:	09 September 2024
Title of Report:	Recommissioning of Adult Care Homes
Lead Member:	Councillor Mary Aspinall (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care)
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Your Reference:	
Key Decision:	Yes
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

We are ambitious for our care and support provision in Plymouth to be of high quality, promoting independence as much as possible and enabling our citizens to be able to be cared for safely and with kindness. In order to do this we need to have effective commissioning arrangement in place for a number of different types of accommodation and care, including residential and nursing care homes for adults.

Plymouth City Council is proposing to extend the current pre-placement contract for residential and nursing care homes for adults for 12 months to 31 December 2025. This is to enable further engagement with the people who use services and the care home providers to determine the future design of services. A contract extension provides time to engage on future service models and procurement options, prepare the market for a procurement process and carry out a procurement.

Recommendations and Reasons

It is recommended that the Cabinet:

1. Approves the Business Case to extend the current care home contract over a period of 1 year from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025;
2. Gives permission for the procurement of new contracts to proceed during 2025, with the award of contracts delegated to the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care, where they would not already have authority to award within the scheme of delegation.

Alternative options considered and rejected

Option	Comments
Do nothing	This would mean taking no action to increase or change the capacity in the care home market and rely on market forces to provide the increased beds and quality of care required by demographic and social policy changes Do nothing is not considered a viable option as it does not address the councils challenges and priorities
Tender the service immediately	Consideration was given to a full tender of the service at this stage, however this would not allow for full market engagement, and would risk not achieving the outcomes as described in our market sustainability plans. This sector of our adult social care providers have not taken part in a formal procurement process before; the timeline will allow for us to be able to work with them to prepare them for procurement.

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The Plymouth Plan 2014-2034 details the Local Authority's ambition to meet local housing needs, ensuring that everyone has access to a safe home which is suited to their needs and located in a community where they want to live. One of the key aspects of this is enabling older people to secure and sustain a care home appropriate to their needs.

The care home model meets Plymouth City Council's **Corporate Plan** priorities to ensure there are sufficient services to meet peoples long term support needs and that Adult Social Care service users feel safe and secure.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

An extension to our care home pre placement Contract would mean that we continue to work within the current financial structure in commissioning placements with residential and nursing care providers. An annual inflationary uplift will continue to be applied in April 2024 in line with inflation markers identified by the ONS. This is built into the revenue budget for Adult Social Care.

Financial Risks

There are no perceived additional financial risks to the service.

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

The care home model supports Plymouth's Go Green ambition; care providers are aware of Plymouth City Councils ambitions to become a carbon neutral city and this requirement will be included in the design of new services.

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

** When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

None identified

Appendices

**Add rows as required to box below*

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A	Recommissioning of Adult Care Homes Briefing Paper							
B	Recommissioning of Adult Care Homes Business Case							
C	Equalities Impact Assessment							
D	Climate Impact Assessment							

Background papers:

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Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Not applicable							

Sign off:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Emma Crowther, Service Director, Integrated Commissioning											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes Date agreed: 24/06/2024											
Cabinet Member approval: : Councillor Mary Aspinall (Cabinet Member for Health and Adults Social Care) Approved via email Date approved: 09/08/2024											