

## West Sussex County Council

### Urgent Action

The following decision has been taken under the urgent action procedure by the Director of Law and Assurance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health and with the agreement of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee Chairman.

**Regulation 11:** Members are asked to note this decision is a key decision and as such should have been included in the Forward Plan for the required 28 days. It was, however, not possible to do so and agreement to the decision has been obtained from the relevant Scrutiny Committee Chairman and notice has been given to the public.

<b>Decision Title &amp; Ref No:</b>	Commissioning additional community capacity to support hospital discharge during the Covid-19 pandemic AH11 (20/21)
<b>Officer Responsible for Decision</b>	Tony Kershaw – Director of Law and Assurance
<b>Electoral Divisions</b>	All Divisions
<b>Key Decision</b>	Yes
<b>Purpose</b>	<p>The Sussex resilience forum has declared a major incident due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the capacity of the NHS resources to manage demand.</p> <p>Pressures on acute and community hospitals are intense and to support this the Council has been working in partnership with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to manage access to community provision both via the Home First (care at home) model and referral and admission to care homes. The CCG and Council are working within the parameters of the <a href="#">Hospital Discharge guidance</a> issued by government on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020 which has established a discharge to assess model which enables people to be discharged from hospital when they are medically fit and for their ongoing care needs to be assessed at home or in an interim setting within given timescales.</p> <p>The current numbers of people who are medically ready for discharge is at an unprecedented level and the Council is seeking to respond to this by creating additional community capacity through a 'Care Hotel' model.</p>
<b>Decision</b>	The Director of Law & Assurance, with the agreement of the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health and the Chairman of the Health and Adults Social Care Scrutiny Committee, has used his delegated powers under Standing Order 5.23 and has approved the sourcing of accommodation with live in care to support hospital discharge during the Covid-19 pandemic.

<b>Interest and nature of interest declared</b>	None.
<b>Reason for urgency</b>	The decision is urgent due to the need to put contractual and practical arrangements and joint processes in place quickly in response to pressing needs across the care and health systems. Sussex resilience forum has declared a major incident due to the current impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on local systems and their capacity to manage demand. Pressures on acute and community hospitals are intense and to support this the Council has been working in partnership with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to manage access to community provision both via the Home First (care at home) model and referral and admission to care homes. The current need for services is at an unprecedented level and the Council is seeking to urgently respond to this by creating additional community capacity through a 'Care Hotel' model.
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<b>Background Papers</b>	See report for details