

## West Sussex County Council

### Proposed Executive Decision for **9 November 2022** call-in deadline **5 p.m. on 18 November 2022**

The following proposed key decision has been endorsed by an officer and will come into effect at the end of the call-in period unless the call-in procedure is activated.

<b>Decision Title &amp; Ref No:</b>	Integrated Community Equipment Service Contract Award OKD40 22/23
<b>Officer responsible for decision</b>	Director of Adults and Health (Alan Sinclair)
<b>Electoral Divisions</b>	All Divisions
<b>Key Decision</b>	Yes
<b>Purpose</b>	<p>West Sussex County Council (WSSCC) has a contract with NRS Healthcare for the provision of Community Equipment Services. Community equipment (such as beds, chairs, perching stools and mattresses) is widely recognised as a cost-effective method of meeting eligible social care need and evidence suggests it is also effective in preventing, reducing and delaying the need for ongoing care, reducing unplanned admissions and enabling people to remain safe and independent in their own homes.</p> <p>The existing service expires on 31st March 2023. It is led and managed, via section 75 agreement, between West Sussex County Council and West Sussex CCG on behalf of the health and social care system. The annual cost, currently budgeted between £9-10 million, is split almost equitably between Health and Social Care. All equipment is prescribed by a range of professionals and attributable cost of each piece depends on circumstances, such as the location of the customer and the type of equipment.</p> <p>Following the decision taken to re-commission, to provide an all-age countywide Integrated Community Equipment Service, it is proposed that once the tender process is complete the Director of Adults and Health has been asked to award the contract to the most economically advantageous bidder.</p>
<b>Decision</b>	The Director of Adults and Health has approved the award of the Integrated Community Equipment Service (ICES) contract to Millbrook Healthcare for an initial period of five (5) years commencing 1 April 2023, with the option to extend for up to two (2) further years if delivery and performance of the contract are satisfactory.
<b>Interest and nature of interest declared</b>	None
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<b>Background papers</b>	See report for details

