

West Sussex County Council

Proposed Executive Decision for **6 February 2020** call-in deadline **5 p.m. on 17 February 2020**

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

Decision Title & Ref No:	Commissioning of Care and Support at Home AH11 19/20
Cabinet Member responsible for Decision	Mrs Jupp - Cabinet Member for Adults and Health
West Sussex Plan priority	Independence in Later Life
Electoral Divisions	All Divisions
Key Decision	Yes
Purpose	<p>Care and support at home services (also known as domiciliary care or home care) are services purchased by the Council on behalf of people who have been assessed as having eligible social care needs. These services support people to maintain their independence through the provision of personal care and support.</p> <p>The Council currently commissions the majority of these services from a framework agreement which commenced in 2015 and which will come to an end in January 2021. This framework was developed jointly with NHS Continuing Healthcare who also use the contract. In addition, the Council purchases services from the wider market through a contractual agreement. The commissioning of care and support at home is being reviewed with proposals being developed for new arrangements to be established across the county which will enable the achievement of our strategic aim to support people to live independent lives for longer. The Council will continue to work with health partners on these arrangements, to prevent unnecessary emergency hospital admissions and speed up discharges.</p> <p>Given the strategic context in which this recommissioning is set, Care and Support at Home shall ensure that it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enables people to be independent for longer in their home, having choice and control over their care which is personalised for their needs.• Stimulates the care market to build capacity and deliver sustainable and high quality care, including a skilled, valued and sustainable workforce.• Strengthens community networks and supports people closer to where they live. Including increasing the number of Direct Payments.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works in partnership with providers, the NHS, communities, the independent and voluntary sector and those in receipt of care to ensure the coordination and delivery of high quality care. • Understands market capacity and capability to make informed decisions and be innovative. Improve technology systems, including payments to improve the process for all stakeholders. • Maximises short-term services to reduce demand and maximise customer independence. <p>Following the current review and a public consultation, the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health will be asked to approve the commencement of a procurement process to source the future care and support services and delegate authority for Contract Award to the Executive Director People Services.</p>
Decision	The Cabinet Member for Adults and Health has approved the commencement of a procurement for care and support at home services, with contracting arrangements to commence from January 2021 and delegated authority for approval for contract award and any subsequent decisions and awards relating to these contracting arrangements to the Executive Director of Adults and Health.
Interest and nature of interest declared	None.
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Background Papers	See report for details