

Officer Decision Record – Executive Decision

If Key Decision: Decision Ref. No.

B122/24

OFFICER DECISION RECORD ⁱ

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Subject: Approval of the terms for the proposed lease arrangements for Quantum Care Ltd care home properties throughout the County

Type of Decision: Executive

Key Decision (Executive Functions only): Yes

Executive Member/Committee Chairman: Cllr. Bob Deering (Resources & Performance) and Cllr. Tony Kingsbury (Adult Care, Health & Wellbeing)

Portfolio (Executive Functions only): Resources & Performance / Adult Care, Health & Wellbeing

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1. Decision

Approval of the terms for the proposed lease arrangements for Quantum Care Ltd care home properties throughout the County. As set out in the report to Executive Members on 3 January 2025 and following update provided on 3 December 2024.

2. Reasons for the decision

Cabinet agreed proposals on 18 September 2023 and delegated the authority to agree the lease arrangements required to run alongside QCL care contracts (approved by Cabinet on 15 September 2022) to include the terms of any termination of existing lease agreements.

The delegations were to the Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of Resources in consultation with the Director of Finance, the Executive Director of Adult Care Services, Executive Member for Resources & Performance and the Executive Member for Adult Care, Health & Wellbeing.

Terms have now been agreed for those properties within the existing lease arrangement to surrender and regrant on modern lease terms.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected

None, as the new lease arrangements are required to run alongside the QCL care contract variation (approved by Cabinet on 15 September 2022).

4. Consultation

Was any Councillor consulted? Yes

If yes:

- (a) Comments of Executive Member: support for new lease arrangements for those properties already leased to QCL throughout the County.

Clarification required to explain the VAT risks of adding in the new build care home prior to approval to include.

- (b) Comments of other consultees:
 - Director of Finance: support
 - Executive Director of Adult Care Services: support
 - Executive Member of Adult Care, Health & Wellbeing: support

5. Any conflict of interest declared by a councillor who has been consulted in relation to the decision

None

6. Following consultation with the Executive Member for Resources & Performance and with the Director of Finance, the Executive Director of Adult Care Services, Executive Member for Resources & Performance and the Executive Member for Adult Care, Health & Wellbeing, I am proceeding with the proposed decision.

Signed: Scott Crudgington

Title: Deputy Chief Executive & Executive Director - Resources

Date: 10 January 2025

Copies of record to:

- All consultees
- hard & electronic copy (if required to be made available for public inspection) to Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.ⁱⁱ

Summary of Requirements to Inform/Consult Councillors

Significance of Proposed Action	Controversial	Relevant Councillor(s) to be Consulted
Technical/Professional/ Routine	No	No need to inform or consult councillors
Technical/Professional/ Routine	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member and, where appropriate, Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Relevant Committee Chairman and, where appropriate, Local Councillor
Local	No	Executive Functions: Inform Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Inform Local Councillor
Local	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor Non-Executive Functions: Consult Local Councillor
General or County-wide	No	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) Non-Executive Functions: Consult relevant Committee Chairman
General or County-wide	Yes	Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) and the Leader of the Council Non-Executive Functions: Consult relevant Committee Chairman/Leaders all Political Groups
