

Officer Decision Record – Executive Decision

If Key Decision: Decision Ref. No.

B162/24

If not a Key Decision write n/a above

OFFICER DECISION RECORD ⁱ

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Subject: To continue with a contract with Cascade3d to purchase equipment to enable Hertfordshire to continue with its Assistive Technology Offer

Type of Decision: Executive

Key Decision (Executive Functions only): Yes

Executive Member/Committee Chairman: Tony Kingsbury

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

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1. Decision

To continue with a contract with Cascade3d to purchase equipment to enable Hertfordshire to continue with its Assistive Technology Offer until HCC is able to deploy its own end-to-end offer.

2. Reasons for the decision

HCC has been piloting a new assistive technology offer using a third party (Cascade3d) hub as part of the technological offer. There are currently circa 140 residents using this third party hub and HCC is in the final stages of developing its own in-house assistive technology offer and are currently fixing the final few bugs in the new system. Once these bugs have been fixed all residents using the third party hub will be migrated to HCC's own offer. This decision is to enable time to fix these bugs, migrate residents to the HCC offer whilst ensuring the residents assistive technology service continues and is robust.

3. Alternative options considered and rejected

The only other option that was possible was to deploy the HCC developed hub earlier and work through the bugs whilst the technology was in situ. This would have resulted in the service not operating robustly resulting in a decrease in confidence and an increased possibility that residents would not be adequately protected and supported.

4. Consultation *(see Summary of Requirements below)*

Was any Councillor consulted? No

If yes:

(a) Comments of Executive Member/Committee Chairman *(delete as applicable)*

(b) Comments of other consultees

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

No

6. I am proceeding with the proposed decision.

Signed: Chris Badger

Title: Executive Director – Adult Care Services

Date: 16 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