

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Monday, 18 July 2016

Decision No: (OD 16/17 17313)

DECISION-MAKER:	OFFICER DECISION MAKING: DIRECTOR OF QUALITY AND INTEGRATION
PORTFOLIO AREA:	HOUSING AND ADULT CARE
SUBJECT:	LEARNING DISABILITY RESIDENTIAL HOMES FUTURE OPTIONS
AUTHOR:	Kate Dench

THE DECISION

To approve the preferred option, in accordance with the Scheme of Officer Delegation 10.9, 10.10 and 10.14 to deregister both of the residential homes into Supported Living schemes.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. Following an analysis of the responses to the consultation and the Equality Impact Assessment the reasons in support of deregistration are:
Service users will have increased rights as 'tenants' rather than holding a license, which can be terminated within a short period of time.
Service users and families will be able to develop a support plan with their social worker which is highly personalised and flexible and embeds the Reach Standards for supported living. This will include increased support to develop skills, to maximise independence and thereby have greater choice and control over their lives.
2. Service users will be supported to make more choices, from smaller, day to day decisions to more complex decisions, such as taking a personal budget, which again would offer increased flexibility to meet needs in a more person centred way.
3. In addition to the benefits to the service user, this change would supports the national and local direction and ambition to shift the focus of care from residential to community based approaches which support and promote greater independence.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. Option Two (for the homes to remain as residential care homes and go through a tender process to be re-procured), is not the preferred option as it does not support the national requirement to increase the focus of services for people with a learning disabilities towards community based options that are more person centred. Our ambition is to move to a position where people will be supported to hold their own tenancy wherever possible and for this to be a default option. Residential care models are limited in the choices that service users can make, due to the restrictions of the regulations.

2. Residential care is more costly than supported living approaches and although this cannot be the prime or only consideration it needs to be taken into account when designing services within available resources.

This solution supports the national direction of travel and is, at the same time, most cost effective.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

Report considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 14th July 2016. Recommendations were made from the meeting however these did not change the decision outcome.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 18th July 2016

Decision Maker: Director of Quality and integration

Proper Officer: Claire Heather

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 clear days (as set out in the Constitution) from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period 25 July 2016

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*