

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health
Date:	3 December 2019
Title:	The Future of Orchard Close Respite Service – consideration of all wider options
Report From:	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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1. The decision:

That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health:

- a) Acknowledges and thanks staff at Orchard Close, Healthwatch, Carers Together, Hampshire Advocacy and Orchard Close carers and service users for their contributions to the engagement process and the Healthwatch engagement report (see Appendix 1).
- b) Confirms there are no proposals relating to the closure of the Respite Service at Orchard Close within the Transformation to 2021 plans considered by Full Council on 7 November 2019 and that the County Council will continue to run a respite service at Orchard Close.
- c) Gives permission to go out to consultation on the proposals contained in this report including the reduction in the number of respite beds offered at Orchard Close respite service from a total of 13 to 10 beds.
- d) Notes that the proposals for other Hampshire County Council Learning Disabilities respite services to increase their income from other public bodies will be included in the consultation as set out in this report.
- e) Notes that Officers will continue to support carers to explore further the possibility of a Friends of Orchard Close group.
- f) Notes that an advisory group for the Orchard Close Charitable Trust will be formed following a request by the Leader of the County Council. Any proposals in relation to the Orchard Close Charitable Trust will be subject to agreement by the Executive Member for Policy and Resources.
- g) Acknowledges and thanks officers for their contribution in developing the proposals as set out above.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 At the 29 March 2019 Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health decision day, it was agreed that further work be undertaken prior to any decision being made, as to all possible wider options and that further reports would be submitted not before Autumn 2019 to the relevant Executive Member for consideration.
- 2.2 Further to this decision, a Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee Member Task and Finish Group and Voluntary Sector, Carer and Officer Working Group was established to maximise engagement as wider options were explored.
- 2.3 The accompanying report provides the County Council's response to the feedback and outlines proposals going forward.

3 Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 Commissioning another organisation to run the respite service at Orchard Close – this was rejected as it was highlighted during the engagement that this option would not necessarily deliver any identified benefits, although it was recognised that it may have provided modest cost reductions.
- 3.2 For carers, service users and/or other interested people to form a group that takes responsibility for running a service at Orchard Close – this was rejected as following careful consideration, particularly by the Voluntary Sector, Carer and Officer working group it would only have been considered as a contingency option, should the County Council not run the service and would not be their first choice.
- 3.3 Income generation at Orchard Close – this option was rejected as initial enquiries have shown that other local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups are interested in sourcing respite services for those who have challenging needs and/ or physical disabilities in addition to their learning disability. There are just four accessible rooms at Orchard Close of which two have ceiling track hoists and none have ensuite facilities. These rooms are in regular use by Hampshire residents, and are therefore not available to be used by other public bodies.
- 3.4 To close the respite service at Orchard Close – this option was rejected as it was the subject of an earlier consultation which led the Executive Member for Adult Social care and Health to request other options be considered.

4. Conflicts of interest

- 4.1 Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
- 4.2 Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: Not applicable

5 Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6 Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7 Statement from the Decision Maker:

In making this decision, I would like to acknowledge and thank the two deputies for their presentations on my Decision Day.

Approved by:

Date:

3 December 2019

**Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health
Councillor Liz Fairhurst**