



Leader Decision Report (Health & Wellbeing portfolio)

Decision Date:	22 October 2024
Reference number:	HW02.24
Title:	Sustainability Within the Adult Social Care Market
Cabinet Member(s):	Angela Macpherson, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing
Contact officer:	Matilda Moss
Ward(s) affected:	None specifically
Recommendations:	(i) To approve permissible actions to support financial sustainability of the Adult Social Care Market (ii) To commit to ongoing negotiation and processes with a view to reaching an overall conclusion by November 24.
Reason for Decision:	To ensure that the Council can meet its obligations under the Care Act 2014 to ensure continuity of care and support in the event of provider failure.

There are confidential Appendices to this report, which are exempt by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 because they contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Adult Social Care market continues to experience a number of challenges including rising costs, and clients presenting with more complexity.
- 1.2 The Council has a number of obligations under the Care Act 2014 in relation to support for Providers:
 - To promote the efficient and effective operation of a market in services for meeting care and support needs.

- Ensuring the sustainability of the market (in circumstances where it is operating effectively as well as in circumstances where it is not); and in the event of provider failure, to ensure continuity of care and support so that all clients (including self-funders) continue to receive services that keep them safe and well.

1.3 A specific request has been received to review some parts of current provision in order to develop a planned and sustainable solution in the longer term.

1.4 This request is to be considered in a confidential session as it contains information relating to financial or business affairs which are commercially confidential.

2. Other options considered

3.1 The options considered are set out within the confidential report; the recommended proposal has been determined to be the best way to manage risk, provide continuity of care and support the development of a longer-term sustainable solution.

3. Legal and financial implications

3.1 Please see attached report for financial implications, this information is confidential.

3.2 Legal advice has been sought and resource allocated to manage the procurement and social care implications of these proposals.

4. Corporate implications

4.1 This proposal is in line with our corporate aim to protect the vulnerable and our Better Lives strategy. The procurement implications are being considered including to ensure value for money is achieved.

5. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

5.1 None.

6. Communication, engagement & further consultation

6.1 Details are provided within the confidential report.

7. Next steps and review

7.1 This project will be monitored by the Corporate Director for Adults and Health, with regular briefing of the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing.

8. Your questions and views (for key decisions)

- 8.1 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report, please contact the author of this report. If you have any views that you would like the cabinet member to consider, please inform the democratic services team. This can be done by email to democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk by 5pm on 18 October 2024.

9. Background Papers

None.

