

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
Date:	16 May 2024
Title:	Procurement of a Carers Support Service
Report From:	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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1. The decision:

1.1 That the Executive Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health approves expenditure of up to a maximum of £7,000,000 to procure a countywide Carers Support Service for a period of up to 5 years to commence on 1 September 2024, based on a 3 year, plus 1, plus 1.

2. Reasons for the Decision

2.1. Under The Care Act 2014 Hampshire County Council is expected to contribute towards preventing or delaying the development of and reducing the needs for care and support of adults in its area and the needs for support of carers in its area. The information and advice aspect of the service would contribute to the County Council providing people in its area with information and advice relating to support for carers. The service is designed to contribute to preventing or delaying the development of needs for support and in reducing needs for existing support irrespective of whether the cared for person or the carer has eligible needs under the Care Act. The service specification would be aligned with The Hampshire Carers Joint Strategy 2024-2029.

2.2. Carers enable people to live longer in their own homes and maintain their independence for longer, and in doing so carers significantly contribute to preventing, reducing and delaying the service provision required from the County Council.

2.3. The Carers Support Service would ensure greater recognition and person-centred support for carers, with the aim of enabling individuals to take on and sustain their caring role, whilst maintaining or improving their own health and wellbeing.

2.4. The new service specification is intended to bring together, under one contracted provider, a county wide Carers Support Service for the provision of information, 1:1 support and emergency planning. It is intended to enable a greater reach to a more diverse group of people, with greater efficiency and

flexibility to secure improved value for money, reduce duplication and help to drive change in practice to improve the recognition and support for carers and enable improvements in individuals' experience and outcomes.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1 The option of not procuring a support service to meet the support needs of carers was not deemed appropriate, in view of The County Council's responsibilities under The Care Act 2014, and the contribution that is made by carers to enabling the person(s) for whom they care to be as independent as possible and in preventing, reducing and delaying the requirement for service provision from the County Council.

3.2 The option of localised services rather than a county wide carers support service was considered, but was rejected due to factors such as, the countywide reach required for carers across Hampshire, value for money and to avoid inefficiencies and duplication.

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:

Approved by: ----- Councillor Liz Fairhurst Executive Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health	Date: 16 May 2024
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