

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Executive Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
<b>Date:</b>	8 February 2024
<b>Title:</b>	HCC Care Older Adults Portfolio - Proposed Service Changes
<b>Report From:</b>	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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### 1. The decision:

That the Executive Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health approves the following recommendations:

- a) that Copper Beeches residential care home in Andover should be permanently closed with immediate effect.
- b) that Cranleigh Paddock residential care home in Lyndhurst should be permanently closed with immediate effect.
- c) that Bishop's Waltham House residential care home in Bishop's Waltham should be closed within 6-12 months of the closure decision.
- d) that Green Meadows residential care home in Denmead should be closed within 6-12 months of the closure decision.
- e) that Solent Mead residential care home in Lymington should be closed within 6-12 months of the closure decision.
- f) subject to recommendation 13e (above) being approved, that the Solent Mead Day Centre, attached to the Solent Mead residential care home, in Lymington should be closed by, or at the same time as the residential care home is closed.
- g) that at Emsworth House residential and nursing care home in Emsworth the older more traditional residential care setting is closed (timing to be confirmed but likely to be at the end of 2025) and ultimately replaced and extended with modern capacity to meet the needs of people requiring complex dementia care and nursing care, whilst at the same time modernising the existing nursing capacity.
- h) that at Oakridge House residential and nursing care home in Basingstoke the older more traditional residential care setting is closed (timing to be confirmed but likely to be at the end of 2025) and ultimately replaced and extended with modern capacity to meet the needs of people requiring complex dementia care and nursing care, whilst at the same time modernising the existing nursing capacity.

- i) that at Ticehurst residential and nursing care home in Aldershot the older more traditional residential care setting is closed (timing to be confirmed but likely to be at the end of 2025) and ultimately replaced and extended with modern capacity to meet the needs of people requiring complex dementia care and nursing care, whilst at the same time modernising the existing nursing capacity.
- j) that Malmesbury Lawn residential care home in Leigh Park (Havant) should be closed once a proposed new care home at Oak Park opens as set out in this report.
- k) that Westholme residential and nursing care home in Winchester should be closed once a proposed new care home at Cornerways (Kingsworthy near Winchester) opens, as set out in this report.
- l) that in relation to the recommended closures of the residential services at Bishops Waltham House, Green Meadows, Solent Mead, Emsworth House, Oakridge House and Ticehurst, that no further residential admissions to these homes are to be agreed.

## **2. Reasons for the decision:**

- 2.1 To support the new service strategy for HCC Care and its change of focus to be able to support Older Adults with complex care needs including Nursing and Complex Dementia needs.
- 2.2 As a response to a review that was carried out of the existing HCC Care Older Adults service portfolio that highlighted that in several homes, especially the older, standard residential homes, the buildings and the layouts are increasingly not fit for purpose.
- 2.3. The review also confirmed that the older residential homes require significant £ multi-million maintenance investment to keep them safe to operate from, but that investment to bring them up to today's standards and to increase their capacity so that they can operate in a viable manner would either be prohibitive or indeed not possible due to space limitations.

## **3. Other options considered and rejected:**

- 3.1 To do nothing – not possible and would result in capacity levels quickly diminishing and/or £ multi-million maintenance investment being required annually.
- 3.2 To cease the in-house operation altogether and rely solely on securing care from the independent sector – would leave the County Council fully exposed to private sector care rates and less able to set, maintain and influence care quality levels across the care home sector.

## **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: None

## **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:**

**Date:**

8 February 2024

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Councillor Liz Fairhurst  
Executive Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public  
Health