

RECORD OF AN URGENT DECISION BY AN OFFICER

1	DECISION TITLE	Variation of contract with Wirral Health and Well-being Community Interest Company to enable delivery of an enhanced package of support to vulnerable older people within the Wirral community.
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	N/A
3	DATE OF DECISION	13 May, 2020
4	PLACE OF DECISION (if consultees present and/or place relevant)	Strategic Co-ordination Group
5	DECISION MAKER	Director of Adult Care and Health
6	DECISION TAKEN	<p>To approve:</p> <p>(a) the variation of the current contract with Wirral Health and Well-being Community Interest Company to bring into effect additional funding for a period of 6 months of £100,000 per month plus VAT to be paid on a block arrangement for the six-month period up until the expiry of the contract on 2 October 2020 with the first instalment to be paid in April 2020.</p> <p>(b) that the additional funding shall secure an enhanced menu of support for vulnerable people aged 70+ to combat the effects of self-isolation including telephone befriending, shopping and prescription delivery service and maintenance of safe and adequate staffing levels in care homes.</p>
7	REASON(S) FOR DECISION	<p>The contract variation will enable provision of an enhanced package of support for vulnerable people aged 70+, providing a wider offer beyond the present service levels to support and meet the unprecedented demand caused by the current lockdown. This will enable the Council to discharge its duties under the Care Act 2014, to ensure a range of information, advice and support is provided within the local area.</p> <p>This decision will support the Council priorities to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preserve life 2. Protect the vulnerable people in our communities
8	ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED	To seek to provide this support directly. This is not recommended as Wirral Health and Well-being Community Interest Company are best placed to identify people in need of assistance.

		<p>This is an immediate response to the emergency Coronavirus impact seeking to provide the support directly rather than through Wirral Health and Well-being Community Interest Company would cause significant mobilisation issues.</p> <p>To not provide financial support is another option but it would result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced ability to take on new care packages • Delayed hospital discharges • Market failure • Provider cashflow difficulties • People not receiving their full support packages • Health and care system blockages • People remaining in hospital when fit for discharge and at risk of deterioration. • Difficulties with care provider service continuity. 	
9	KEY DECISION	Yes	
(a)	<p><u>'Publicity'</u></p> <p><i>If 'Yes', was notice published on the Forward Plan at least 28 clear days before being made?</i></p> <p>No</p>	<p><u>'General Exception'</u></p> <p>No</p>	<p><u>'Cases of Special Urgency'</u></p> <p>Councillor Moira McLaughlin, Chair of the Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, has agreed to this matter being treated as a case of Special Urgency.</p>
(b)	<p><u>Call-In</u></p> <p><i>If 'Yes', what is the deadline for Call-In or has Call-In been removed?</i></p>	<p>In the opinion of the decision maker, the decision is an urgent one in that any delay likely to be caused by the Call-In process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interest. The Chief Executive has agreed both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency. The decision is therefore not subject to Call-In.</p>	
(c)	<p><u>Budget</u></p> <p><i>Is this spend contrary to the Council Budget?</i></p> <p>Yes</p>	<p><i>If Covid-19 related, Scrutiny Chairs have pre-agreed that any such decision is to be treated as a matter of urgency. Will be reported to Council in due course</i></p>	
10	DATE PUBLISHED	15 May, 2020	
12	REPORT	<p>Yes</p> <p><i>If 'Yes', the report (or part of the report), that is not exempt information, will afterwards be published alongside this Decision Notice.</i></p>	
	<p><i>Has any report (or part of the report) relevant to the decision been considered by the individual Member or officer?</i></p>		