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OFFICIAL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE PUBLISHED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Notice is hereby given that the following decision(s) have been made today by Cabinet Members at the London Borough of Hillingdon:

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| Title of decision | Investment in Care Home Capacity - Increasing capacity of nursing beds in the Borough and acquisition of a care home. (Capital Release No 2) |
| Reference No. | 1375 |
| Date of decision | Tuesday 1 April 2025 |
| Call-in expiry date | 5pm, Tuesday 8 April 2025 |
| Relevant Select Committee | Health and Social Care Select Committee |
| Relevant Wards | West Drayton |

Decision made

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| Cabinet Members making the decision | Leader of the Council, and on behalf of the Cabinet Members for Corporate Services & Property, Health & Social Care and Finance & Transformation |
| Decision | <p>Approved</p> <p>That the Leader of the Council, and on behalf of the Cabinet Members for Health & Social Care, Finance & Transformation and Corporate Services & Property and on the advice of the Corporate Director for Finance and the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care & Health:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approves the business case which outlines all necessary due diligence undertaken in respect of the acquisition of the care home, that all legal, regulatory and commercial requirements have been met and is satisfied that the acquisition represents best value for the Council in accordance with section 3 of the Local Government Act 1999, noting the projected savings that the council may achieve and allowing the purchase of the business to take place at the earliest opportunity;2. Approves for the care home to be operated by the SPV - The Hillingdon Care Company (THCC) which has been set up and incorporated with Companies House on 23rd January 2025 (company number 16204132); |

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Approves the funding of the SPV (as set out in the Financial Implications section of this report) including shareholder designation; 4. Agree the capital release request as set out in Appendix A from the 2024/25 - 2025/26 Investment in Care Home Capacity budget for the purchase of the Care Home; 5. Accepts the direct award to The Hillingdon Care Company for the provision of care placements to the London Borough of Hillingdon for a 10-year period from 28 March 2025 to 27 March 2035 and at a forecast value £45m; 6. Asks that The Hillingdon Care Company Directors consider the acceptance of the single tender action from Healthcare Management Solutions Ltd (HCMS) for the provision of care management services for a two-year period from 28 March 2025 to 27 March 2027 at a value of £372,160; and 7. Notes that on 21 March 2025, the Leader of the Council, in conjunction with relevant Cabinet Members, authorised under special urgency provisions that the Hillingdon Care Company Directors take forward exchange of contracts and payment of a deposit for the sum set out in para. 19 for the purchase of the Care Home and to ratify this urgent decision – further to agree this is to be followed by completion of the purchase and payment of the remaining acquisition fee, under delegated authority. |
| <p>Reason for decision</p> | <p>These decisions progress and finalise the Council's acquisition of a local care home in the Borough to support local increasing demand for nursing and dementia care places. This will allow the Council as commissioner to gain better control over the market and the pricing of bedded care and with the purchase based on a business case.</p> <p>Following the completion of satisfactory due diligence, the decisions made enable the necessary property transactions, funding and contractual arrangements via setting up The Hillingdon Care Company, for the provision of Registered care services at care home.</p> <p>Due to the tight completion timetable on the property, on 21 March 2025, the Leader of the Council also authorised under urgency procedures officers to proceed with the exchange</p> |

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| | <p>contracts and arrange for the deposit to be paid and this decision also ratifies this.</p> <p>These delegated decisions follow on from a confidential report to December 2024 Cabinet to agree this project.</p> |
| Alternative options considered and rejected | Alternative options were set out in the confidential report and considered, including not progressing with the project or building a new care home directly, discounted due current demand pressures and time constraints. |
| Classification | <p>Part 2 – Members’ Only Not for Publication</p> <p><i>The report relating to this decision was declared as exempt from publication as it involved the disclosure of information in accordance with Section 100(A) and paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), in that the report contained information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighed the public interest in disclosing it.</i></p> |
| Link to associated report | N/A |
| Relevant Officer contact & Directorate | Jan Major, Assistant Director, Direct Care and Business Delivery, Adult Social Care & Health |
| Any interest declared by the Cabinet Member(s) / dispensation granted | N/A |

Implementation of decision & scrutiny call-in

| [Internal Use only] | |
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| When can this decision be implemented by officers? | <p>Officers can implement Cabinet Member decision in this notice only from the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period which is:</p> <p>5pm on Tuesday 8 April 2025</p> <p>However, this is subject to the decision not being called in by Councillors on the relevant Select Committee. Upon receipt of a valid call-in request, Democratic Services will immediately advise the relevant officer(s) and the decision must then be put on hold.</p> |
| Councillor scrutiny call-in of this decision | Councillors on the relevant Select Committee shown in this notice may request to call-in this decision. The request must be before the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period above. |

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| | <p>Note: decision no. 7 cannot be called in, as this was undertaken under urgency provisions.</p> <p>Councillors should use the Scrutiny Call-in App (link below) on their devices to initiate any call-in request. Further advice can be sought from Democratic Services if required:</p> <p><u>Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps</u> (secure)</p> |
| Further information | <p>These decisions, where applicable, have been taken under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.</p> <p>This is the formal notice by the Council of the above executive decision, including links to the reports where applicable.</p> <p>If you would like more information on this decision, please contact Democratic Services on 01895 250636 or email: democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk.</p> <p>Circulation of this decision notice is to a variety of people including Members of the Council, Corporate Directors, Officers, Group Secretariats and the Public. Copies are also placed on the Council's website.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Democratic Services London Borough of Hillingdon Civic Centre High Street Uxbridge UB8 1UW</p> |