

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

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| Decision Maker: | Executive Member for Adult Social Care |
| Date: | 23 September 2011 |
| Title: | Cherry Orchard Residential Home, Andover |
| Reference: | 3004 |
| Report From: | Director of Adult Services |

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1. The decision:

- a) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care recognises that needs of the current residents and the longer term needs of older people in Andover can be met appropriately without Cherry Orchard residential care home.
- b) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care approves the proposal to close Cherry Orchard, and that the closure is completed subject to suitable alternative accommodation for residents being found and their care needs met.
- c) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care recognises the significant contribution that the staff at Cherry Orchard have made and therefore supports efforts to redeploy those that choose this option and to offer Voluntary Redundancy terms to those that do not.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. This report seeks approval from the Executive Member for Adult Social Care to close Cherry Orchard residential home, subject to suitable alternative accommodation for residents being found and their care needs met.
- 2.2. This recommendation is made, following the public consultation on Hampshire County Council's proposal to close Cherry Orchard. This consultation has been carried out in the light of the cost of renovating the home to a viable standard that will meet the future higher needs of an ageing population and the significant levels of alternative accommodation available in Andover. Cherry Orchard does not meet the standard of accommodation that we wish to provide, and cannot be cost effectively brought up to this standard.
- 2.3. The consideration of options has to be based on the needs of both the current residents and the further needs of older people in Andover, and the

alternative provision. This provision has been significantly enhanced by the recent opening of Lion Oak Court Extra Care Housing scheme.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. **Option 1** – General Improvements and redecoration - This option is not considered appropriate because it does not address any of the issues regarding the suitability of the building.
- 3.2. **Option 2** - Partial refurbishment - This option is not considered appropriate on the grounds that this significant financial outlay would still not address any of the issues regarding the layout of the building.
- 3.3. **Option 3** - Full refurbishment - This option would result in moving most of the residents out of the home to enable the works to be completed safely, but would still not provide an appropriate environment.
- 3.4. **Option 4** – Increasing room sizes and addition of en-suite facilities - .The work required to be undertaken would result in the home not being a viable size.
- 3.5. **Option 5** - Run down of Home until no longer viable – This option is not considered appropriate as there would be serious concerns about the ability to maintain the level of care and respond to future care needs as the number of residents reduces.

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 Standards Committee: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

In reaching this decision I have noted the consultation responses and Equality Impact Assessment and was grateful for the points raised by the deputies at the decision day meeting. I am reassured that the County Council will support the residents of Cherry Orchard during the closure with professionalism and sensitivity and that staff shall receive every care and consideration. I noted in particular that there is no deadline for residents to move out, and that provision will be made to keep friendship groups together. We shall ensure that we meet the needs of the residents in liaison with their families and I am satisfied that there is sufficient alternative provision in the area. I have taken this decision both with the needs of the current residents of Cherry Orchard and with the needs of the

wider population of Andover in mind. I reached the conclusion that even if the considerable amount of money required for renovation and modernisation were spent, Cherry Orchard could not become a cost effective facility in the future.

Approved by:

Date:

23 September 2011

**Executive Member for Adult Social Care
Councillor Felicity Hindson**