

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Social Care
Date:	25 May 2012
Title:	Transforming adult social care: improving outcomes for older people through modernisation of care and support
Reference:	3772
Report From:	Director of Adult Services

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1. The decision:

- a) That permission is granted to consult on the proposal to close Addenbrooke residential care home in Gosport.
- b) That permission is granted to explore the reprovision of the Lutman day centre on the Addenbrooke site.
- c) That permission is granted to consult on the proposal to close Cornerways residential care home in Kings Worthy Winchester.
- d) That permission is granted to consult on the proposal to close Thurlston House residential care home in Fleet.
- e) That a further report be presented to the Executive Member for Adult Social Care Decision Day on 21 September on the outcomes of the consultation and the recommended course of action.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. The national vision for adult social care is for services to be delivered in a way that is more personalised, and sustainable for the future. This implies a strong focus on choice and control for individual service users to reflect the new and different expectations and needs of older people.
- 2.2. Older people are now often choosing to remain as independent as possible in a home of their own, requiring a more personalised approach to care and support. Hampshire County Council has been investing in new models of care and support (including telecare and Extra-Care Housing) to help people stay in a home of their own for as long as possible.
- 2.3. As a result, demand for more traditional residential care is falling, with many people moving straight into nursing care when they are no longer able to live

independently. When people do eventually move into residential care their care needs are, increasingly, much higher than previously, and their expectations are also higher.

- 2.4. It is also the case that some of the Council's homes, built in the 1970s, are not able to support people with these higher levels of need. Access throughout the homes is poor as corridors are long and narrow which presents difficulties for people using mobility aids or wheelchairs. They also have small bedrooms unsuitable for moving and handling equipment needed for people with complex needs, such as hoists. The bedrooms also lack the en-suite facilities and space for visitors that people now expect.
- 2.5. As demand for modern nursing care and specialist dementia care provision continues to increase, Hampshire County Council is investing in these services, with proposals to build additional capacity in two of the County Council's nursing homes.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Taking no action: if the Council were to continue to operate these homes, considerable sums would need to be spent on their maintenance (for example, the replacement of boilers and toilet facilities, and installation of sprinklers). Due to the design of the homes, even with this investment, they would not be viable in future due to the layout, size of rooms, and narrowness of corridors. It is therefore considered that resources would be better invested in providing nursing and specialist residential care for those with higher levels of need, and on new models of care (particularly Extra-Care Housing) which will meet the needs of older people in future, and help them stay independent for as long as possible.

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:

Approved by:

Date:

25 May 2012

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