

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
Date:	24 April 2015
Title:	Strategic Partnership – Care Assessment and Brokerage Services
Reference:	6606
Report From:	Director of Adult Services

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1. The decision:

- a) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health approves the delegation of function in respect of self funders to the organisation awarded the contract as Strategic Partner to carry out assessment of needs and financial assessments, support planning and brokerage services.
- b) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health authorises the going out to tender for this service with an initial contract term of 3 years and the option for two 1 year extensions (3+1+1) with a maximum contract value of up to £6,145,000 over the five years and that a further report be brought back to the Executive Member in respect of the award of the contract.
- c) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health authorises the Director of Adult Services to approve the final detailed specification and contractual terms for this service.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 The Care Act places new duties on the County Council to develop information, advice and brokerage services for people who meet the needs eligibility criteria and who fund their own care and support.
- 2.2 Because of the lateness of statutory guidance and clarity around funding, time is limited in the ability to develop options. The current transformational workload of the County Council raises concerns about the deliverability of an in-house option.
- 2.3 The unknown level of demand going forward and the potential for late changes to statutory guidance and requirements of the County Council suggest that a developmental and flexible approach is taken to service provision. Variable demand for assessment and brokerage services and the proposed implementation of the Care Cap has yet to be determined and so

securing an external Strategic Partner with whom the County Council can work will enable the anticipated level of flexibility and change.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Do nothing

Doing nothing is not an option. The new duties arise from April 2015 with additional duties and impact on demand from 2016.

3.2 In house option

This option was considered however given the current workload on transformation and integration with health, there is considerable concern about the impact of such an expansion.

3.3 External provider contract provision

No service provider or organisation has been identified as meeting all of the requirements of potential service delivery with demonstrable track records.

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: Not applicable

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:

In reaching this decision, I have taken into account the written submission received from Richard Bambridge on behalf of Unite.

With respect to the impact of The Care Act on the responsibilities of the County Council, I recognise and appreciate the positive on-going work of The Care Act Working Group established by the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee.

Approved by:

Date:

24 April 2015

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