

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Social Care
Date:	25 November 2015
Title:	Outcome of the Consultation on the Proposed Closure of John Darling Mall
Reference:	7054
Report From:	Interim Director of Adult Services

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1. The decision:

- a) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care has considered the responses to the consultation and has considered the Equalities Impact Assessment in relation to the proposals contained in this paper.
- b) That permission is granted by the Executive Member for Adult Social Care to close John Darling Mall respite facility in Eastleigh at the end of March 2016.
- c) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care recognises the significant contribution made by the staff at John Darling Mall and supports their redeployment within Hampshire County Council.
- d) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care recognises the impact of the closure on the current tenants at John Darling Mall and that the County Council will work with partners to source appropriate alternative housing for them.
- e) That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care notes that permission will be sought from the Executive Member for Policy and Resources for the development of Extra Care Housing for people with disabilities on the John Darling Mall site.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Occupancy of John Darling Mall is low; with many people choosing other forms of respite.
- 2.2. The building would require significant investment to bring it up to the standards seen in modern respite facilities, such as Hampshire County Council's new respite facility in Basingstoke, Hindson House.
- 2.3. The County Council considers that there is sufficient alternative respite available in Hampshire, both for the current users of John Darling Mall as well as for people in the future.

- 2.4. Hampshire County Council is committed to developing Extra Care assisted living for adults with disabilities. Extra Care gives people with disabilities the opportunity to live as independently as they are able in a home of their own within a safe, purpose-built environment. If the decision is made to close John Darling Mall, then permission would be sought to develop Extra Care housing for adults with disabilities on the site.
- 2.5. The County Council's Adult Services department has a savings target of £43m for 2015/16. It therefore has to consider carefully how it uses its resources and focuses on those services that deliver the best outcomes for individuals and the best value for money. Programmes such as Extra Care assisted living are aimed at achieving both of these aims

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Redevelopment of John Darling Mall - this option would require significant investment and would involve the current tenants moving out of their flats during any building works. Additionally, the respite service would have to be provided elsewhere, therefore this option has been rejected.

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 also taken into account the consultation responses, the petition and other comments received as well as the deputation made at the Decision Day meeting.

Approved by: -----	Date: 25 November 2015
Executive Member for Adult Social Care Councillor Liz Fairhurst	