

# Individual Executive Member Decision

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## Updated Residential and Nursing Policy

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**Committee considering report:** Individual Executive Member Decision

**Date ID to be signed:** 25 August 2020

**Portfolio Member:** Councillor Graham Bridgman

**Forward Plan Ref:** ID3948

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### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to consider the updates to West Berkshire's Residential and Nursing Placement Policy.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the clarification regarding funding decisions for residential and nursing placements and the additional flowchart is accepted.

### 3. Implications

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| 3.1 | <b>Financial:</b>       | N/A                                |
| 3.2 | <b>Policy:</b>          | No change                          |
| 3.3 | <b>Personnel:</b>       | None                               |
| 3.4 | <b>Legal:</b>           | Clarification of existing position |
| 3.5 | <b>Risk Management:</b> | N/A                                |
| 3.6 | <b>Property:</b>        | N/A                                |
| 3.7 | <b>Other:</b>           | N/A                                |

### 4. Consultation Responses

**Members:** Lead Member and Portfolio Holder consulted for Individual Decision.

**Leader of Council:** Any comments that are received will be reported when the Individual Decision is signed.

**Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman:** Any comments that are received will be reported when the Individual Decision is signed.

**Ward Members:** Any comments that are received will be reported when the Individual Decision is signed.

**Opposition Spokesperson:** Any comments that are received will be reported when the Individual Decision is signed.

**Local Stakeholders:** Any comments that are received will be reported when the Individual Decision is signed.

**Officers Consulted:** Any comments that are received will be reported when the Individual Decision is signed.

**Trade Union:** Any comments that are received will be reported when the Individual Decision is signed.

## 5. Other options considered

5.1 Not making the clarification to policy.

## 6. Introduction/Background

6.1 Request for clarification of process to ensure they are clear for staff and the general public.

## 7. Supporting Information

7.1 None

## 8. Options for Consideration

8.1 N/A

## 9. Proposals

9.1 Stand alone

## 10. Conclusion

10.1 The change represents a clarification of exiting policy.

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### Subject to Call-In:

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position	<input type="checkbox"/>
Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission or associated Task Groups within preceding six months	<input type="checkbox"/>
Item is Urgent Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Report is to note only	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## **11. Executive Summary**

- 11.1 The proposals are being made to ensure that staff are clear regarding the process of requesting funding for residential and nursing placements. Our complaints team suggested that our process for funding requests is made more easily understandable after working with a family who were disputing a specific decision. Our complaints team did not believe that the previous process as written was clear enough to the general public. We worked with colleagues in our legal services team to ensure that our policy was easily understandable to all. The current process of agreeing funding decisions for residential and nursing placements was central to the Care Act 2014 training that was delivered to all staff.

## **12. Conclusion**

- 12.1 The changes and updates should be agreed.

## **13. Appendices**

- 13.1 Appendix A – Residential and Nursing Care Placements for Older People Policy