

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

Item	Outcome
Date of Decision	25 March 2020
Decision Maker	David Griffiths – Head of Commercial / Andy Moran Commercial Consultant
Brief Description of Decision	<p>To secure accommodation for an initial period of 13 weeks to house hospital discharge patients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">x Forecasted demand: 300 patients, each requiring serviced en-suite rooms complete with meals per dayx The accommodation will enable hospitals to free up beds more quickly, to create capacity to accommodate COVID-19 patientsx The hospital discharge patients will be given the time in the accommodation to recuperate whilst they are assessed for social care needsx It is not anticipated that there will be any nursing needs. The

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	<p>Commitment to external accommodation will be on a phased basis to align accommodation capacity with the forecast demand model. This will minimise the Council's financial commitment.</p> <p>The proposed initial commitment is 90 beds at an approximate cost of £1M for 3 months. Further commitment to be made, when demand is proven.</p> <p>As this additional demand relates to clients who have been discharged from hospital or are made to prevent hospital admission, funding will be claimed via the CCG COVID-19 grant funding on a block basis.</p> <p>Accommodation may also be needed to support the following demand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> x Homeless x Prison discharge <p>This will be secured in consultation with the 6 County District Councils.</p> <p>This additional demand will be funded from either the DC or WCC COVID Related grant funding.</p>
<p>Alternative Options Considered and Rejected</p>	<p>Wait until hospital bed capacity becomes an issue – rejected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> x Majority of external accommodation suppliers have closed due to COVID-19 x Lead time required to open accommodation facilities, engage with furloughed staff, initiate food & laundry supply chain and establish domiciliary care cover. <p>Book 300 hotel rooms - rejected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> x High cost x Forecast modelling is unproven x Several hotels on standby if rooms required.
<p>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</p>	<p>None</p>