

# 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"><li>x Forecasted demand: 300 patients, each requiring serviced en-suite rooms complete with meals per day</li><li>x The accommodation will enable hospitals to free up beds more quickly, to create capacity to accommodate COVID-19 patients</li><li>x The hospital discharge patients will be given the time in the accommodation to recuperate whilst they are assessed for social care needs</li><li>x It is not anticipated that there will be any nursing needs. The</li></ul>

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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"> <li>x Homeless</li> <li>x Prison discharge</li> </ul> <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"> <li>x Majority of external accommodation suppliers have closed due to COVID-19</li> <li>x Lead time required to open accommodation facilities, engage with furloughed staff, initiate food &amp; laundry supply chain and establish domiciliary care cover.</li> </ul> <p>Book 300 hotel rooms - rejected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>x High cost</li> <li>x Forecast modelling is unproven</li> <li>x Several hotels on standby if rooms required.</li> </ul>
<p>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</p>	<p>None</p>