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To: Scrutiny Committee, 17 September 2025

Subject: 25/00042 – Older Persons Residential and Nursing Care Service

Summary: As requested by the Chair and Spokespeople of the Scrutiny Committee, Members are invited to discuss decision 25/00042 relating to the Older Persons Residential and Nursing Care Service.

1. Introduction

- a) On 8 July 2025 the [Adult Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee](#) endorsed the proposed decision - [Decision - 25/00042 - Older Persons Residential and Nursing Care Service](#), which was subsequently taken by the Cabinet Member, on 25 July 2025, to:
- a. **APPROVE** the recommissioning of the Older Persons Residential and Nursing Care Service,
 - b. **EXTEND** the current Dynamic Purchasing System contract arrangements for a potential further period of up to nine months to enable the awarding of new contracts and mobilisation of the Older Persons Residential Nursing Care Service under a new Light Touch Open Framework;
 - c. **DELEGATE** authority to the Corporate Director Adult Social Care and Health to take relevant actions including but not limited to, opening the Light Touch Open Framework at regular intervals to allow new providers to join the framework and finalising the terms of and entering into required legal agreements, as necessary to award the contract with new arrangements to begin on 1 April 2026; and
 - d. **DELEGATE** authority to the Corporate Director Adult Social Care and Health, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health and Corporate Director Finance, to utilise the relevant contract extensions.
- b) Following a request from the Chair and Spokespeople, this decision has been placed on the Scrutiny Committee agenda for further exploration and discussion. This is in line with paragraph 17.56 of the [Constitution](#) which states the following:

“17.56 Any Member of the Scrutiny Committee or Sub-Committee thereof is entitled to give notice to the proper Officer that they wish an item relevant to the functions of the Committee or Sub-Committee to be included on the agenda for the next available meeting. On receipt of such a request the proper Officer will ensure that it is included for discussion at the next available agenda setting meeting to determine the most appropriate meeting for the matter’s inclusion.”

- c) Concerns raised by Members in relation to this decision include both the financial and commercial risks associated with this decision. During the discussion, Members may wish to explore the following areas:
- a. The demographic risk to the budget and the continued cost growth and pressure on the MTFP.
 - b. What mechanisms are in place to ensure robust financial control and cost avoidance? – how will this be monitored - KPIs?
 - c. What lessons from previous commissioning exercises have been applied to the new model?
 - d. The commercial risks of transitioning to open framework delivery.
 - e. What engagement has taken place with providers?
 - f. How will the new service categories improve placement accuracy and outcomes?
 - g. What quality assurance mechanisms will be embedded in the new framework to ensure consistent standards across providers?
- d) The Cabinet Member and relevant officers will be in attendance at the Scrutiny Committee meeting to respond to Members' questions.
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2. Recommendation

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to discuss and comment on or note the decision taken in relation to the Older Persons Residential and Nursing Care Service.

3. Attached documents

- a) [25/00042 - Record of Decision](#)
- b) [25/00042 - Decision Report](#)
- c) [25/00042 - Appendix 1 Business Case](#)
- d) [25/00042 - Appendix 2 \(EQIA\)](#)
- e) [25/00042 - Appendix 3 DPIA](#)

4. Background documents

- a) [Agenda for Adult Social Care and Public Health Cabinet Committee on Tuesday, 8th July, 2025, 2.00 pm](#)
- b) [Decision - 25/00042 - Older Persons Residential and Nursing Care Service](#)

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