

COUNCIL MEETING – 1 MAY 2014

Recommendation to Council from the Executive meeting held on 22 April 2014

E/13/161 **The Future Management of Central Bedfordshire Council's Residential Care Homes for Older People**

The Executive considered a report from the Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing that proposed the transfer of the management of the seven residential care homes for older people, owned by the Council, to the Council, given the notice received from Bupa to bring to an end the existing contract.. The Council was mindful of the need to provide continuity of care and reassurance to the residents of the homes, who were some of the most vulnerable members of the community and their relatives. The net cost of the transfer of the homes' staffing and management to Central Bedfordshire Council was estimated as broadly neutral.

Reason for decision: To ensure the continued delivery of services to older people in the seven residential homes for older people owned by Central Bedfordshire Council.

RECOMMENDED to Council

- 1. to approve the transfer of the staff in the homes affected to the employment of Central Bedfordshire Council on 1 August 2014 in accordance with TUPE regulations;***
- 2. to approve the virement from the budget allocated to the Bupa Residential Homes Contract for the period August 2014 to March 2015 of £3,789,000 to a new budget heading of 'Directly Managed Residential Homes for Older People' under the Assistant Director, Adult Social Care; the subjective amounts in the budget were set out in paragraph 45 of the Executive report; and***
- 3. that it increases the budget estimate for income from Fees for Residential Care Homes by £302,000 for the period August 2014 to March 2015.***