TRAFFORD COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

DATE OF DECISION	26th October 2009	DECISION MAKER
DECISION REFERENCE	E/26.10.09-4	**Executive** (Councillors Colledge, Coupe, Cornes, Holden, Mitchell, J.R. Reilly, Tolhurst, A. Williams and M. Young)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

Residential Care Review – Outcome of the Financial Feasibility Study

That a proposed approach be agreed to residential care in the borough, following the residential care review and the financial feasibility study, involving:

1. Implementation of the National Dementia Strategy in Trafford in partnership with the PCT.
2. Engagement with Registered Social Landlords regarding the feasibility of developing an extra care scheme as an alternative to residential care during 2009.
3. Testing the feasibility of commissioning some dementia care beds from the external sector during 2010.
4. Potentially utilising the in-house homes in the short/medium term, taking account of further specific consultation with the current residents and staff with a view to :
   a) BROOKSIDE - developing this home as a respite care unit whilst providing some long term care for existing residents
   b) ASCOT HOUSE – developing an intermediate care/assessment unit in partnership with the PCT and GMW Mental Health Trust.
   c) KATHERINE LOWE HOUSE - continuing to provide residential care for existing residents and respite care.
   d) HARRY LORD HOUSE - consider the feasibility of closing the residential unit due to the current level of vacancies in the system and relocating the day support services pending the outcome of the day support review.
5. Carrying out a further review by December 2010 which will consider the use of the remaining in-house homes, the capacity of the external market, the progress with the extra care development, the implementation of the dementia strategy and the outcome of the pilot intermediate care unit.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To put in place measures to address expected residential care needs in the borough, bearing in mind the need for appropriate and cost-effective provision, central government guidance, potential partnership opportunities and the transitional nature, nationally and locally, of the external market for residential care provision.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Options identified in the consultants' report are out and discussed in sections 2-5 of the report.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY DISPENSATION

Councillor Mrs. Turner declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in this item in respect of her employment by a residential care provider in the borough and left the room during its consideration.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

5th November 2009 (Sixth working day after publication, unless called in).

PUBLICATION DATE

28th October 2009

RECORDED BY:

Director of Legal and Democratic Services

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