

# WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

## STATEMENT OF DECISION

**SUBJECT: GRANT A DIRECT AWARD OF A CARE CONTRACT AND A LEASE EXTENSION TO GCH (ALAN MORKILL) LTD IN RELATION TO THE BEACHCROFT HOUSE CARE HOME UNTIL JUNE 2022**

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Smart City, have made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

### Summary of Decision

- 1) That the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health gave approval to waive the procurement code and for the Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Health to make a direct award of a contract to GCH (Alan Morkill House) Ltd, for the provision of Beachcroft Care Home from 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022 for the value of £4.732m, to allow time to conduct a new procurement of a long term care provider.
  - 1.1 The contract would include a provision for two 3 month extensions to provide assurance in case of any unforeseen delays in the new procurement exercise. The total value of the award if both 3 month extensions were used was £7,098m.
  - 1.2 That the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health delegated approval to exercise each option to extend each contract to the Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Public Health.
- 2) That the Cabinet Member for Finance and Smart City gave approval to grant a lease to GCH (Alan Morkill House) Ltd for a period of 12 months from 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021 to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022 including two 3-month renewals if necessary, to coincide with the contract extensions set out in recommendation 2.1.1 above. The lease would be on the same terms and rent as the existing lease which was due to expire on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

### Reasons for Decision

- 1) The reason for granting an extension to the lease to occupy Beachcroft and offer a 12 month direct award of a care contract to GCH (Alan Morkill House) Limited was to ensure and secure immediate continuity of essential services to vulnerable residents. The Care Quality Commission also required the care provider to evidence that it held a lease that allowed it to provide care on the premises. The direct award of a contract also allowed time to procure a longer-term care provider.
- 2) The Council had a clear duty around service provision under the Care Act 2014:
  - The Council had a duty to carry out an assessment of anyone who appeared to require care and provide or organise support as required.
- 3) There were also several key national and local drivers informing the need for ongoing service provision, including:

- Prime Minister's Challenge on Dementia 2020.
  - England's National Dementia Strategy.
  - Bi Borough Health and Well Being Board Dementia Plan.
  - The Council's future plans for the commissioning and provision of high-quality and excellent residential care for our residents.
  - City for All
- 4) The 12-month contract to 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022 would enable the Council the time required to prepare a new procurement of a long-term provider at a time when the market was less affected by COVID. The contract would include a provision for two 3 month extensions to provide assurance in case of any unforeseen delays in the new procurement exercise.

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**Implementation Date:**

**Reference:**