

## Executive /Non-Executive Emergency Provision

This decision is to be made by the Chief Executive pursuant to the following provisions in Part 3 Paragraph 9.3.2.:

“Exceptionally,..... notwithstanding anything in this Constitution, the Chief Executive shall be authorised to exercise either executive or non-executive functions where the matter is urgent unless this is prohibited by law.”

The decision proposed in this report is urgent in current circumstances because:

Officers request the use of Emergency provision to ensure the Council can meet its Statutory obligations to provide Community Equipment.

The Community Equipment Service provides a wide range of essential equipment to support residents with health and social care needs. This includes both basic aids for daily living and more complex items designed to promote independence and facilitate timely hospital discharge.

The use of urgency powers is being requested due to the significant and immediate risk to the wellbeing of vulnerable residents who rely on the continued provision of Community Equipment services. This urgency is further compounded by the fast-paced decision-making required following the liquidation of NRS Healthcare Limited, the Council's previous provider, on 1 August 2025, and the subsequent appointment of an Official Receiver and Special Managers

This report requests authority to award a contract to Provide Care Solution Ltd as required by Contract Standing Order 88

Approved by: Chief Executive

Signed: *K. Wright*

Date: 22/9/25

Date Leader or Deputy Leader, relevant Cabinet Member and Leaders of the Opposition notified of decision made: 22/09/25