

BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Meeting of the Executive on 27th July 2026

Expansion of Community Care – Ashgate Hospice

Report of the Leader of the Council

Classification	This report is Public.
Contact Officer	Chief Executive Officer
Is this a Key Decision?	Yes ☐ No ☒

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

To update the Executive regarding the previously approved allocation of funding to Ashgate Hospice of £100,000 per annum, to support the provision of the expansion of their Clinical Community Care service for residents of the Bolsover district.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 The Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for 2025/26 to 2029/30 was approved by Members at Council on the 28th of January 2026.
- 1.2 Included within the report was a budget of £100,000 per annum to allow a contribution to be made to Ashgate Hospice for each year of the approved MTFP.
- 1.3 This report updates Members on how the contribution will be used by Ashgate Hospice, following detailed discussions with the Chief Executive of the Charity.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 Ashgate Hospice provides specialist palliative and end-of-life care to people with life-limiting illnesses across North Derbyshire, including residents of Bolsover district. The clinical community care service enables patients to receive high-quality, specialist end-of-life care within their own homes, where this reflects their wishes and clinical needs.
- 2.2 The service also provides practical and emotional support to families and carers, helping people remain in familiar surroundings while receiving compassionate, dignified care. Demand for community-based palliative care continues to increase due to demographic change, increasing complexity of need and pressures across health and social care services.

- 2.3 The contribution from Bolsover District Council will support the continued delivery and development of the clinical community care service for eligible residents of the Bolsover district. The funding will contribute towards staffing, clinical support, patient care, volunteer co-ordination, and associated operational costs necessary to maintain the service. The Council recognises the significant contribution made by Ashgate Hospice in improving quality of life for residents and supporting families during some of the most difficult periods of their lives.
- 2.4 The budget for the contribution has been included in the MTFP as £100,000 for each of the four years 2026/27 – 2029/30. There will be an agreement in place which will cover:
- The agreed use of the funding.
 - Annual monitoring arrangements.
 - Financial reporting requirements.
 - Performance measure relating to Bolsover district's residents.
 - Arrangements for review and termination where appropriate.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The Council recognises the value of high-quality end-of-life care delivered within patients' homes. The Clinical Community Care Service supports residents to remain in their preferred place of care while reducing unnecessary hospital admissions where clinically appropriate.
- 3.2 The proposed funding demonstrates the Council's commitment to supporting vulnerable residents, improving health and wellbeing, and working collaboratively with key partners.
- 3.3 A four-year funding commitment provides greater financial certainty for Ashgate Hospice and supports longer-term planning.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 There is always the option to do nothing, but that would mean we would not support the services provided by Ashgate Hospice, as described throughout the report.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That Executive authorises the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Resources, to enter into an appropriate funding agreement with Ashgate Hospice, setting out the terms and conditions of the contribution.
2. That Executive requires an annual performance and monitoring report to be presented to the Executive detailing the use of the funding, service activity and outcomes achieved for Bolsover district residents, after each 12-month period.

Approved by Councillor Jane Yates, Leader of the Council.

IMPLICATIONS

A. Finance and Risk Yes ☒ No ☐
Details: The MTFP approved in January 2026, already provides the budget for the contribution per year totalling £400,000.
On behalf of the Section Officer

B. Legal (including Data Protection) Yes ☒ No ☐
Details: The Council has the power to provide contributions where this support its statutory functions and contributes to the promotion of economic, social, and environmental wellbeing of the district. A formal funding agreement will be entered into to ensure appropriate governance, accountability, and monitoring of public funds.
On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

C. Staffing Yes ☐ No ☒
Details: None arising from this report.
On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

D. Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Yes ☐ No ☒
<i>Please identify (if applicable) how you have considered LGR impact in relation to this item.</i>
Details: The costs in the approved MTFP have already been included as part of the submission for the LGR business case. This is not an additional burden to any potential new unitary.

E. Environment Yes ☐ No ☒
<i>Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment.</i>
Details:

F. Equality and Diversity Yes ☐ No ☒	
Have you considered equality impacts in relation to the topic of this report?	Yes ☐ No ☒
If this is a new or refresh of a policy, guidance or plan, have you carried out an EIA?	Yes ☐ No ☒

DECISION INFORMATION

G. Is the decision a Key Decision?	Yes ☐ No ☒
A Key Decision is an Executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more wards in the District, or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the below thresholds: -	Approval has already been received.
☒ If the decision is a key decision, please indicate which threshold applies: Revenue (a) Results in the Council making Revenue Savings of £75,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Revenue Expenditure of £75,000 or more. Capital (a) Results in the Council making Capital Income of £150,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Capital Expenditure of £150,000 or more.	(a) ☐ (b) ☐ (a) ☐ (b) ☐
District Wards Significantly Affected: <i>(to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the District)</i> Please state which wards are affected or tick All if all wards are affected.	All ☒ Wards:
<i>All key decisions are subject to Scrutiny call-in unless the call-in period is to be waived, however, exemption from call-in is only with the agreement of the Monitoring Officer.</i> Is this Key Decision subject to Scrutiny Call-In? (leave blank if not a key decision) If No, has the Monitoring Officer agreed?	Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐
Consultation carried out: <i>(this is any consultation carried out prior to the report being presented for approval)</i> Leader ☒ Deputy Leader ☐ Executive ☒ SLT ☐ Relevant Service Manager ☐ Members ☒ Public ☐ Other ☐ Details: - the funding was included in the Council report of 28/1/26.	Yes ☒ No ☐

Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy, Environment, Housing

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title

Background Papers
<i>(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive, you must provide copies of the background papers).</i>