

**Bracknell Forest Council  
Record of Decision**

<b>Work Programme Reference</b>	<b>I030390</b>
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1. **TITLE:** Section 75 Pooled Budget for Community Equipment Services

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Adult Social Care and Health

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

Executive are asked to approve the participation of Bracknell Forest in the Berkshire-wide approach to the provision of specialist equipment to support people in their own homes.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

That the Council become a partner to the new Pooled Budget Agreement (see Appendix 1 to the associated report) for the provision of a Community Equipment Service be agreed.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The six Berkshire Unitary Authorities and the Berkshire NHS (PCT Cluster) propose to establish a renewed joint agreement from March 2012, for the funding of a Community Equipment Service (CES) for people in the community using powers granted under Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006, to replace that which has operated since 2004. Slough Borough Council is the lead commissioning body for Community Equipment Service.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The alternative would be to withdraw from the Berkshire partnership and to tender for a Bracknell Forest service.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** People who have equipment, staff and providers

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Adult Social Care & Health

11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None.

<b>Date Decision Made</b>	<b>Final Day of Call-in Period</b>
15 November 2011	23 November 2011