

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Graham Gibbens, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

DECISION NO.

15/00086

Subject: Backdating of charges for domiciliary and other non-residential Care and Support

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, I AGREE:

a) that the County Council should extend the process of backdating charges to domiciliary and other non-residential care and support. The charge will be backdated to the date that the County Council commenced funding an individual. This will only apply to new service users from the date of implementation

b) the Corporate Director for Social Care, Health and Wellbeing or other nominated officer undertake the necessary actions to implement this decision.

Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken. None

Reason(s) for decision, including alternatives considered and any additional information

KCC currently backdates charges for residential care to the date that funding commenced but does not do this for domiciliary and other non-residential care and support. The amount of income lost by not backdating charges for these service users is approximately £300,000 per year.

Following the implementation of the Care Act in April 2015, the Department of Health has provided clarification on the backdating issue (in a series of responses to questions from local authorities).

It is recommended that we do now institute backdating for domiciliary and other non-residential care and support to the date that the County Council commenced funding. Charges will not be collected from the service user until a financial assessment has been carried out and anyone not able to pay any arrears in one go will be permitted to pay these off at a slower pace.

The proposed change will only apply to new service users from the date of implementation.

Background Documents:

Recommendation Report from Corporate Director to Cabinet Member.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

This issue was discussed at the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee on 10 July 2015. The Committee resolved that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member be endorsed.

Any alternatives considered:

The only alternative would be to maintain the current situation of not backdating for non-residential care and support. This would cost the County Council approximately £300,000 per year.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer: None.

CKC

signed

12 NOVEMBER 2015
date

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Decision Referred to Cabinet Scrutiny			
YES		NO	

Cabinet Scrutiny Decision to Refer Back for Reconsideration			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration Record Sheet Issued			
YES		NO	

Reconsideration of Decision Published			