## KENT COUNTY COUNCIL -RECORD OF DECISION

## **DECISION TAKEN BY:**

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

**DECISION NO:** 17/00136

For publication

**Key decision** 

Affects more than 2 Electoral Divisions

Subject: PROPOSED REVISION OF RATES PAYABLE AND CHARGES LIEVIED FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICES IN 2018-19

Decision: As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, I

- a) APPROVE the proposed changes to the rates payable and charges levied as set out in Sections 2.5a, 2.5b, 2.9b, 2.13, 2.16a, 2.16b, 2.18, 2.20, 2.21, 2.24 and 3 of the Cabinet Committee report; and
- b) **DELEGATE** authority to the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health, or other nominated officer, to undertake the necessary actions to implement the decision.

**Reason(s) for decision:** The proposed rates payable and charges levied are considered annually, with any revisions normally introduced at the start of each financial year. The report is focused on Adult Social Care Services and the rates payable and charges levied that are currently in place. The rates and charges payable for 2018/19 will be introduced the week commencing 9 April 2019.

**Financial Implications:** The increase in income and the increase in payments that these changes will bring have been included in the 20 February 2018 County Council agreed budgets for the services affected.

## Legal Implications:

The report distinguishes between those rates and charges over which Members can exercise their discretion, and those which are laid down by Parliament.

## **Equality Implications:**

None

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation: The proposed decision was discussed at the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 9 March 2018.

- 1. Michelle Goldsmith (Finance Business Partner Social Care, Health and Wellbeing) introduced the report which set out the proposed rates and charges for Adult Social Care Services for the forthcoming financial year.
  - a) In response to a question, Michelle Goldsmith said that the consultation rates within the report related to what Kent would charge other local authorities when taking on their work. She said that the consultation rates were what KCC charged overall, and were not a specific Social Care charge.
  - b) In response to a question, Anu Singh (Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health) confirmed that the figures in the report were in-line with the figures used within other local authorities and said that the scheme was not an income-raising scheme.
  - c) In response to a question relating to consultation work, Anne Tidmarsh (Director of Older

People and Physical Disability) said that income was not generated for assessments that were carried out within Adult Social Care.

- 2. RESOLVED that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, to
  - a) approve the proposed changes to the rates payable and charges levied for adult social care services in 2018-19 as detailed in Sections 2.5a, 2.5b, 2.9b, 2.10, 2.13, 2.16a, 2.16b, 2.18, 2.20, 2.21, 2.24 and 3 of the report; and
  - b) delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health, or other nominated officer, to undertake the necessary actions to implement the decision,

Any alternatives considered: None

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the **Proper Officer:** 

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