

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

DECISION NO:

18/00067

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 2019-20

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

- a) **APPROVE** the proposed changes to the rates payable and charges levied for adult social care services in 2019-20 as set out in sections 2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.6.4, 2.8.3, 2.10.2, 2.10.3, 2.12.1, 2.13.1, 2.14.1, 2.16.1, 3.2 and 3.3 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.

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 2019/20 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 14 February 2019 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 12 March 2019. Ms Goldsmith (Finance Business Partner – Adult Social Care and Health) was in attendance for this item.

1. Ms Goldsmith introduced the report which set out the proposed rates and charges for Adult Social Care Services for the forthcoming financial year, along with any potential changes to the Adult Social Care charging policy.

Ms Goldsmith then responded to comments and questions from Members, including the following: -

- a) Ms Goldsmith referred to the pay award for 2019-20 and confirmed that the rates payable and charges levied for adult social care services for 2019/20 would increase by either the council's agreed pay award for 2019/20 of 2.8% or in line with the Consumer Price Index as at September 2018 of 2.4%. She said that whilst it was unlikely that the rates payable and charges levied for adult social care services for 2019/20 would be reviewed, a key decision would be brought to the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee in such an instance.

b) Ms Goldsmith referred to Client Contributions for Residential Care within the report and confirmed that the preservation of the status quo was open-ended, although a key decision would be brought to the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee if it were to be reviewed.

2. RESOLVED that the decision proposed to be taken by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, to

a) approve the proposed changes to the rates payable and charges levied for adult social care services in 2019-20 as set out in sections 2.5.1, 2.5.2, 2.6.4, 2.8.3, 2.10.2, 2.10.3, 2.12.1, 2.13.1, 2.14.1, 2.16.1, 3.2 and 3.3 of the report; and

b) delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Adult Social Care and Health, or other nominated officer, to undertake the necessary actions to implement the decision,

be endorsed.

Any alternatives considered:

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



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signed

15 MARCH 2019

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date