

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Roger Gough, Cabinet Member for Children,
Young People and Education

DECISION NO.

19/00014

Key decision: YES

To revise the rates payable and charges levied for Children's Services from 1st April 2019.

Subject: Proposed Revisions of Rates Payable and Charges Levied by Kent County Council for Children's Social Care Services in 2019-20

Proposed Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education, I proposed to approve:

- a)
- i. The weekly Foster Care Maintenance allowance is increased to:

All placements under 2 years old	£154.00
All placements 2 to 4 years old	£158.31
All placements 5 to 10 years old	£175.54
All placements 11 to 15 years old	£199.23
All placements over 16 years old	£234.77

- ii. The weekly Foster Care Reward element is increased to:

Non-related placements 0 to 8 years old	£116.78
Non-related placements 9 to 18 years old	£221.82

- iii. The weekly Foster Care Disability Enhancement is increased to:

Standard	£66.55
Enhanced	£88.73

- iv. The weekly Foster Care Skills Based Payment is increased to:

Skilled (Level 2)	£21.55
Advanced (Level 3)	£53.84

- v. The weekly Foster Care Single Placement Supplement is increased to:

Age 0 to 8 years old	£233.56
Age 9 to 18 years old	£443.64

- vi. The Local Authority charges to OLAs for Children's Services are increased to:

Social work support and assessment (per hour)	£74.40
Administration fee associated with social work support and assessment (per invoice)	£20.00

- vii. The Foster Carer Mileage Rate is increased from 35p to 45p per mile in line with KCC

staff.

b) **NOTE:**

viii. The rates which are dictated by external agencies i.e. Inter-agency charges and Essential Living Allowance

ix. The charges for other Local Authorities for use of in-house respite residential beds is to be calculated on a full cost recovery basis.

c) **DELEGATE:**

x. Authority to the Corporate Director of Children, Young People and Education, or other nominated officers, to undertake the necessary actions to implement the decision.

Reason(s) for decision:

The rates payable and charges levied for Children's Services are reviewed annually, with any revisions normally introduced from the start of the new financial year.

Some of the increases are directly linked to the published Department for Education fostering rates, which are reviewed by the Department annually.

Equality Implications:

We have not assessed any adverse impact within these proposals to increase funding rates for children's services.

Financial Implications:

The increase in payments and income have been reflected in the Council's budget plans presented to County Council on 14 February 2019.

Legal Implications:

The report distinguishes between those rates and charges over which Members can exercise their discretion, and those set by Government or external agencies.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

Background Documents:

Report on Proposed Revision of Rates Payable and Charges Levied for Children's Services in 2019-20 to the Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Committee 28 March 2019.

Any alternatives considered:

None.

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

None

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signed

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date