

## **Motion for Time Limited Debate – Adult Social Care Charging Policy**

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### **Background Information – Provided by the Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups**

The decision (now approved) changes KCC's ASCH Charging Policy – it stops disregarding the higher or enhanced rates of Attendance Allowance (AA), Personal Independent Payment (PIP) and Disability Living Allowance (DLA) when calculating a person's contribution towards the cost of their care and support.

More individuals in receipt of care who receive a higher rate of these benefits will have more income taken into account in their financial assessment which has meant they will pay up to 400% more for their care and support than they do currently. Examples given to the scrutiny committee are below.

KCC provides adult social care services to 16,394 residents. Approximately, 15,806 of these people receive chargeable social care services, this includes providing services like residential care and support and care in a person's own home or in the community.

The decision affects 3784 of the most vulnerable of these adults. Those who receive the higher rates of PIP, DLA and AA are living with severe disability, are terminally ill, or have such chronic health conditions that they require the highest level of care.

The decision is expected to raise an additional £2.6m in income in 2024-2025, and £3.4m in a full financial year.

### **Motion:**

County Council resolves to:

- Express concern about the impact on vulnerable people of increased charges resulting from the Adult Social Care Charging.
- Recommend that the Executive explores whether the potential multi-year spending settlement anticipated for later this year would remove the need to make savings in this area, which may allow for reconsideration of the Policy.