

From: Dan Watkins, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

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To: Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee – 13 March 2024

Subject: **DECISIONS TAKEN OUTSIDE OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE MEETING CYCLE**

Classification: For Information Only

Summary: The following decision has been taken between meetings as it could not reasonably be deferred to the next programmed meeting of the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee for the reason set out below.

Recommendation: The Cabinet Committee is asked to note that the following decision has been taken in accordance with the process in Part 2 paragraph 12.36 of the Constitution:

24/00009 – Fee Uplifts for Adult Social Care Providers for 2024/2025

1. Introduction

1.1 In accordance with the council's governance arrangements, all significant or Key Decisions must be listed in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions and should be submitted to the relevant Cabinet Committee for endorsement or recommendation prior to the decision being taken by the Cabinet Member or Cabinet.

1.2 For the reason set out below it has not been possible for this decision to be discussed by the Cabinet Committee prior to being taken by the Cabinet Member. Therefore, in accordance with process set out in Part 2 paragraph 12.36 of the Constitution, the following decision has been taken and published to all Members of this Cabinet Committee and the Scrutiny Committee.

2. 24/00009 – Fee Uplifts for Adult Social Care Providers for 2024/2025

2.1 While in 2023/2024 we applied a differential uplift, in 2024/2025 we are returning to a standard uplift for framework providers which seeks to balance available funding, Consumer Price Index and provider pressures.

2.2 The proposed allocations are those which are affordable in the Council's recently agreed budget. We are aware that the proposed uplift will not meet providers' expectations. We will work with providers to offer incentives where we can work together to reduce costs overall, for example by working with an individual to increase their independence, or framework providers increasing their capacity to reduce off framework spend.

- 2.3 The fee uplifts need to be finalised by 7 March 2024 to enable them to be applied to the Council's Adult Social Care case management system in time for providers to be able to submit invoices for the revised rates from April 2024.
- 2.4 Full detail on the decision can be found in the background documents under section 4 of the report.

3. Recommendation

3.1 Recommendation: The Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee is asked to **NOTE** that the following decision has been taken in accordance with process set out in Part 2 paragraph 12.36 of the Constitution:

24/00009 – Fee Uplifts for Adult Social Care Providers for 2024/2025.

4. Background documents

[Decision - 24/00009 - Fee Uplifts for Adult Social Care Providers for 2024/2025 \(kent.gov.uk\)](#)

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