

WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

| Item | Outcome |
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| Date Of Decision | 1 March 2023 |
| Decision Maker | Mark Fitton, Strategic Director, People |
| Brief Description Of Decision | <p>To record annual fee review decisions for Adult Social Care services (home care and residential settings) following engagement and consultation with all providers.</p> <p>Funding for the uplifts has been built into the 2023/24 revenue budget as approved by Council in February 2023.</p> <p>The uplifts approved are as follows:</p> <p>Service</p> <p>Domiciliary care</p> <p>Fee increase based on: To:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply a 9.5% increase to all 1-hour tiered fees • Remove the weighted fees for 45, 30 and 15 and +15-minute fees • Change bank holiday fees from x2 to x1.5 • Apply Tier 3 rates for Carers breaks <p>Sub-total = £0.5m</p> <p>SERVICE</p> <p>Extra Care</p> <p>Fee increase based on:</p> <p>To apply an increase of 7.65%</p> <p>Sub-total = £0.22m</p> <p>SERVICE</p> <p>Supported Living</p> <p>Fee increase based on:</p> |

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| | <p>For packages of care purchased via the DPS, to apply a rate of £18.20 to tier 1 and £19.50 to tier 2. No immediate increases will be applied to placements purchased from Providers not on the DPS</p> <p>Sub-total = £1.86m</p> <p>SERVICE</p> <p>Shared Lives</p> <p>Fee increase based on</p> <p>To apply a 4% uplift on Shared Lives fees (both long term and replacement care) for 2023/24</p> <p>Sub-total = £0.067m</p> <p>SERVICE</p> <p>65+ Residential care / nursing care</p> <p>Fee increase based on</p> <p>To apply an uplift of 2% on residential/nursing fees for current 65+ placements in 2023/24</p> <p>Sub-total =£1.195m</p> <p>SERVICE</p> <p>Under 65 residential care / nursing care</p> <p>Fee increase based on</p> <p>To apply a 4.21% uplift on residential/nursing fees for under 65 current placements in 2023/24</p> <p>Sub-total = £1.16m</p> <p>TOTAL ESTIMATED COSTS OF ABOVE UPLIFTS</p> <p>£5.002m</p> |
| <p>Reason(s) For Decision</p> | <p>Annually, Worcestershire County Council reviews fees in line with contract, based on an assessment of care need, market forces and the Councils ability to pay.</p> <p>The Council still has the ability to review fees on a case-by-case basis where required, where care needs change.</p> |
| <p>Alternative Options Considered And Rejected</p> | <p>Council values the care provided to our residents by providers. Current emphasis nationally, regionally and locally is around the increased demand and requirement for care in the home rather than</p> |

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| | <p>in residential settings, based on client choice and the improved outcomes of maintaining supported independent living.</p> <p>By not taking this decision, Worcestershire Health and Care system would have become severely compromised.</p> |
| <p>Joint Equality, Public Health, Data Protection and Sustainability Impact Assessments carried out</p> | <p>The JIA screening did not identify any potential considerations requiring further assessment during implementation – these uplifts will enable continued equal access to an existing service that has undergone full assessment</p> |
| <p>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</p> | <p>None known or identified</p> |
| <p>Reference</p> | <p>02/2023</p> |

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