

STOCKPORT COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Annual Residential/Nursing and Home Care Fee Setting 2019/20

Report to Cabinet

Date: 5 February 2019

Report of: (a) Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

Key Decision: (b) Y

Forward Plan ☒ General Exception ☐ Special Urgency ☐ (Mark with a Y if applicable)

Summary:

This report outlines the commissioning proposals and 2019/20 fee setting for the most significant areas of externally commissioned service provision for adults with care needs: Care Homes in Stockport; Home Support to enable people to live in their homes for longer; Day Care Services and Learning Disability Services.

The report is designed to be considered in the context of budget setting proposals and is intended to clarify the fee changes position for 2019/20 to allow for early implementation at the start of the financial year. This will provide financial certainty to the market and support care providers with their cash flow. It will also prevent internal inefficiency caused by the need to make back payments as well as conforming to good commissioning and procurement practices.

Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)

I am pleased to present this report on the 2019/20 Fee setting for Care Homes; Home Support; Day Support and Learning Disability Services. The provision of care to the people of Stockport represents one of the most important responsibilities the Council has and the financial sustainability and the quality of this provision is a key priority.

The 2019.20 fee setting builds upon the Ethical Care Framework which was introduced in 2018/19. The framework will fundamentally change the way these services are provided in the borough with the aim to provide a more outcomes focused approach that avoids time and task models of support and provides greater choice for individuals. In addition, this framework will create the necessary capacity to allow for a more sustainable workforce with improved terms and conditions including an improved wage that exceeds the national living wage. Finally, with respect to both care homes and home support the provision of quality services remains a high priority within the Council and we are determined to support providers within the borough to achieve the highest possible standards of care.

Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)

Cabinet are asked to endorse and agree the approach set out in this paper; and recommend that the Council approves the proposed uplift at the meeting in February 2019.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): **(e)**
Adult Social Care & Health Scrutiny

Background Papers (if report for publication): **(f)**

Contact person for accessing
background papers and discussing the report

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'Urgent Business': **(g)**

Yes/ No (Please circle)

Certification (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor _____ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/ Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.
