

STOCKPORT COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Annual Residential/Nursing and Home Care Fee Setting 2021/2022

Report to Cabinet

Date: 9 February 2021

Report of: (a) Cabinet Member for Adult Care & Health

Key Decision: (b) Y

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

Summary:

This report outlines the commissioning proposals and 2021/22 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. This report also considers the impact and pressures the Covid 19 pandemic has placed upon the care sector.

The report is designed to be considered in the context of budget setting proposals and is intended to clarify the fee changes position for 2020/21 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'm pleased to present again this report on the 2021/22 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.

This work builds on previous year's approaches to achieve a realistic and fair level of funding for provision of care to our partners in the private, voluntary and independent sectors. I am mindful that we continue to face challenges in respect of the levels of recurrent funding for Adult Social Care Service but pleased the Council is able to provide fee increases to our range of partners in the care sector.

Firstly, this will create the necessary capacity to allow for a more sustainable workforce with improved terms and conditions including an improved wages.

Secondly, 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 and this will in part support those objectives.

Finally, In addition, the challenges the Covid 19 pandemic are obvious and the impact will be felt for some time. The care sector have risen to the challenges the pandemic and continue to support individuals in their own homes, care homes and elsewhere keeping people safe and helping to avoid additional pressures on the NHS. The proposals and recommendations in this report will assist in supporting the sustainability of this vital resource in the Borough

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 approve the proposed uplift at the meeting on 9 February 2021

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

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.
