

## STOCKPORT COUNCIL

### REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

**Subject:** Annual Residential/ Nursing Care, Home Care and other Care Management Fee Setting 2024/ 2025

**Report to Cabinet**

**Date: 12 March 2024**

**Report of: (a)** Cabinet Member for Health & 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 2024/25 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 main points for consideration in this report are:

- Recognition of the impact of economic pressures on the care sector in 2023/24 and financial risks and challenges into 2024/25.
- Acknowledge the ongoing challenges around workforce recruitment and retention, current levels of inflation and the uplift in the Real Living Wage (RLW)
- Investment within fee setting paper of £9.599m illustrates the continued priority to support Adult Social Care providers and support market sustainability in Stockport

#### **Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)**

I'm pleased to present this report on the 2024/25 Fee setting for the following services: Residential and Nursing Care Homes; Homecare provision offered within an individual's home; Day Care Services, Learning Disability Services; other non-residential care management services. The provision of care to the people of Stockport represents one of the most important responsibilities the Council has. The financial sustainability and the quality of this provision is a key priority.

This work is a development of previous years' approaches to provide a level of funding for provision of care to our partners in the private, voluntary and independent sectors that will create a sustainable and high-quality market for care provision. The Council continues to face challenges in respect of the levels of recurrent funding for Adult Social Care Service. I am pleased the Council is able to provide significant fee increases to our range of partners in the care sector, given the impact of significant inflationary pressures on the sector.

The Council's investment aims to support sustainability in the workforce by enabling providers to offer employees improved remuneration, based on the payment of the Real Living Wage. 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.

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 is asked to endorse and agree the approach set out in this paper and recommend the approval of the proposed uplift at the meeting on 12 March 2024.

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**Relevant Scrutiny Committee** (if decision called in): **(e)**

Adults Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee

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**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.

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