West Sussex County Council

Proposed Executive Decision for 26 March 2024 call-in deadline 5 p.m. on 8 April 2024

The following proposed key decision has been endorsed by an officer and will come into effect at the end of the call-in period unless the call-in procedure is activated.

Decision Title & Ref	Annual Review of Fees paid to independent providers of
No:	Adult Social Care OKD02 (24/25)
Officer responsible for decision	Director of Adults and Health (Alan Sinclair)
Electoral Divisions	All Divisions
Key Decision	Yes
Purpose	Rates and fees paid to independent providers of adult social care provision in the community and in accommodation based services are subject to annual review. The review will consider usual maximum rates for care homes and care homes with nursing; individually agreed rates paid to care homes and care homes with nursing and rates for supported living, shared lives; extra care and other community-based services.
	Decisions on fees to be paid in the financial year 2024-25 will take account of a range of information, including but not limited to; recent decisions on National Living Wage, the current market position, the need and demand for services, the Council's strategic priorities, financial challenges for providers of care and support services and the financial position for the Council and the adult social care budget. During 2023 commissioners have engaged with representatives of the adult social care market to reflect feedback on both the challenges for the market and in the fees review process and in preparation for the review of fees.
	The Director of Adults and Health will be asked to agree the fees and rates paid for commissioned services related to the adult social care and health portfolio for 2024-25.
Decision	The Director of Adults and Health has approved the 2024/25 fee increases to independent sector providers in line with the proposals set out in section 2 of the report.
Interest and nature of interest declared	None.
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