

Public Notice

Pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, notice is hereby given for a key decision which is not able to be included in the Forward Plan 28 days before the decision is taken. The following decision has been taken under the urgent action procedure by the Director of Law and Assurance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health, and with the agreement of the Chairman of the Health and Adults Social Care Scrutiny Committee (Standing Order 5.23(b) Part 4, Section 5, of the County Council's constitution).

Financial support to the care sector

In response to Government guidance and to plan the use of additional funds made available to ensure care market resilience during the current public health emergency, it is proposed that additional funds be made available to domiciliary and other care providers to enable them to meet additional costs and uncertainties for a limited period.

It is proposed that a simple across the board approach is taken rather than one tailored to the needs of individual suppliers, in order to achieve a timely response and to avoid administrative burdens. It is also proposed that the arrangements are limited to three months and subject to conditions. Any longer-term proposals would be subject to further decision.

The decision is urgent due to the need for the County Council to respond to the current covid-19 situation, in its support to the care sector in West Sussex.

The Director of Law & Assurance, with the agreement of the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health and the Chairman of the Health and Adults Social Care Scrutiny Committee, has used his delegated powers under Standing Order 5.23 for approval to be given for cross-market uplifts in payments to care providers for a period of three months from the 29th March to 20th June 2020 as detailed in paragraph 2 of the published report.

Urgent decisions are not subject to a call-in period and come into effect immediately (copy of letters available).

Details available from Erica Keegan – Tel: 0330 22 26050

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