

## **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 Interim Executive Director Adults and Health and 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**

Following [the allocation of funding to commissioned care provision in April 2020](#) to support with Covid-19 related costs, and the Infection Control Grant allocated and disseminated to the wider market in [June](#) and [July 2020](#), it is now proposed that contracted rates paid to care providers be increased temporarily by 5% in recognition of additional costs related to provision of services during the pandemic.

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 from 1 July – 30 September 2020 and subject to a continuation of conditions included in the original allocation. Any longer-term proposals will be considered and reviewed during the 3-month period and subject to further decision.

This decision is urgent as at the point of relevant consultation, engagement and planning the need to make the financial commitment to the market has become pressing as the recipients need to have assurance about future funding.

The Director of Law & Assurance, with the agreement of the Interim Executive Director 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 a cross-market uplift of 5% in payments to commissioned care providers for a period of three months from the 1 July 2020 - 30 September 2020 as detailed in paragraph 2 of the decision report.

Urgent decisions are not subject to a call-in period and come into effect immediately. Details from Erica Keegan, Democratic Services – Tel: 0330 22 26050

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