

## Cambridgeshire County Council Record of Decision

### Decision taken by an officer of the Council

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| <b>Title of decision</b>  | Award of 10% uplift to commissioned providers of Adult Social Care to support providers with the increased costs as a result of COVID-19.  |
| <b>Date decision taken</b>  | 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2020<br><br><i>A paper will be taken to Adults Committee in May setting to discuss the decision.</i>  |
| <b>Decision maker</b>   | Chief Executive<br><br><i>(Ordinarily Adults Committee)</i>  |
| <b>Details of decision taken</b>  | 10% uplift to adult social care providers to contribute to the significant increase in costs which have been born out of the COVID-19. The uplift will apply to existing commissioned rates of care from 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 until 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2020.   |
| <b>Reasons for taking decision</b>  | <p>COVID-19 has had a huge impact on the health and social care system, including independent sector providers. Whilst social distancing protocols are starting to have a positive impact on the overall population, independent sector providers are working with health and social care to support the cohort most at risk during the period of the pandemic. This has not only resulted in an increase in the number of people requiring care and support both in the community and discharge from hospital, but also a significant increase in cost.</p> <p>This uplift is required and there is an imperative that it is done so urgently. Failing to do so will result in services not being provide and members of the public being at risk of serious harm. These issues will manifest in the form of providers no longer providing their services to vulnerable people as a result of not being able to continue to sustain the significant increase in costs which have been a result of COVID-19.</p> <p>The implications of providers no longer providing services as a result of an unsustainable costs base is the Council not being able to discharge its statutory duties as set out in the Care Act 2015.</p> |
| <b>Options considered</b>   | Do nothing – this could not be considered with any merit as would result in providers not receiving the necessary support at this time as well as the risk of the Council not discharging its duties under the Care Act 2015.  |
| <b>Details of any conflict of interests declared</b>  | None   |
| <b>Details of any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared</b> | None   |

Signature of decision maker (if appropriate)

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Chief Executive

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