

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Social Care
Date:	14 June 2016
Title:	Permission to consult on proposed changes to the Adult Services Paying for Care Policy
Reference:	7531
Report From:	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care gives permission for a public consultation on proposed changes to the Adult Services Paying for Care Policy, to be carried out between June and August 2016, as set out in this report.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1. The proposals being considered form part of the Adult Services Transformation to 2017 savings programme. This programme is needed to transform the service to one that is sustainable: in other words, able to meet growing demand safely and appropriately within a significantly reduced funding envelope.
- 2.2. The suggested changes to the Paying for Care Policy set out here are designed to ensure that people who use services make a fair contribution to the cost of adult social care, in proportion to their needs and their resources.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 **Do nothing.** This was rejected as it would not provide the most efficient use of available funding, or enable the County Council to target funding where it is needed the most, ie the most vulnerable adults with the least means. This approach would also limit ability to deliver the anticipated level of savings.
- 3.2 **Charge unpaid carers for services that they receive to support them in their caring role,** which they usually receive in the form of a direct payment. The County Council has rejected this option because unpaid

carers make an important contribution in supporting people they care for to remain in their own homes, for as long as possible.

- 3.3 **Charge for early intervention and prevention services**, such as ‘falls prevention’ classes and other wellbeing activities. The County Council has rejected this option because these types of services attract large numbers of people – helping them to live well and independently for longer. In turn, this early intervention drives down the potential cost of more intensive and costly social care support in the future.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by: ----- Executive Member for Adult Social Care Councillor Liz Fairhurst	Date: 14 June 2016
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