

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Adult Social Care
Date:	21 October 2016
Title:	Outcome of the Consultation on Proposed Changes to the Adult Services Paying for Care Policy
Reference:	7774
Report From:	Director of Adults' Health and Care

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1. The decision:

That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care:

- 1.1 Approves the removal of the policy of offering a waiver for the cost of a second carer so that an individual, to the extent they have been financially assessed as able to do so, pays the full cost or makes a contribution towards the cost of any second carer, with this policy change to take immediate effect for any individual who is newly assessed as having a need for a second carer after the date of this decision, and to take effect from 10 April 2017 for clients who have already had an assessed need for a second carer identified on or before the date of this decision.
- 1.2 Approves the continuation of the County Council's existing policy of only taking into account 95% of disposable income in the financial assessment for non-residential care.
- 1.3 Approves a change to County Council policy so that people living in Hampshire County Council-run residential and nursing homes continue to pay their client contribution towards the cost of their care when they are absent from the home, with the change coming into effect on 2 January 2017.
- 1.4 Approves the County Council taking into account in the financial assessment 75% of gross rent charged in the situation where an individual going into a care home chooses to let out their property and signs a Deferred Payment Agreement with the County Council on or after 2 January 2017 as set out in this report.

- 1.5 Approves revisions to the Adult Services Paying for Care Policy in line with 1.1 to 1.4 above and as set out in Appendix F of the decision report, with consequential amendments being made to procedural guidance.
- 1.6 Approves that the Adult Services Paying for Care Policy as set out in Appendix F of the decision report include a definition of 'carer' in this context, to make clear that it relates only to those who are paid to provide care and support to meet eligible social care needs.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 Adult Services will have its budget reduced by £43.1 million in 2017. These changes to the Paying for Care Policy will contribute towards the Department's Transformation to 2017 savings programme.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1 The option of doing nothing to raise income was discarded as the Department has to manage increasing demand for care services and greater complexity of needs within a limited budget.
- 3.2 The option of charging unpaid carers for services provided to support them in their caring role (often received as a direct payment) was discarded, because of the importance of helping carers who do so much to support the independence of service users in the community.
- 3.3 The option of charging people for early intervention and prevention services was discarded, as early intervention drives down or delays the need for more expensive social support further down the line.
- 3.4 The option of taking into account 100% (instead of the current 95%) of an individual's disposable income in the financial assessment for non-residential care has been rejected, following feedback from the public consultation.

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:

In reaching this decision I have taken into account:

- The deputation made at my Decision Day by Jacqueline Newson.
- Written comments received prior to my Decision Day.
- Comments and recommendations from the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee, presented at my Decision Day by the Select Committee Chairman, Councillor Roger Huxstep.

Approved by:

Date:

21 October 2016

**Executive Member for Adult Social Care
Councillor Liz Fairhurst**