

# HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## Executive Decision Record

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <b>Decision Maker:</b> | Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health  |
| <b>Date:</b>           | 3 October 2018   |
| <b>Title:</b>          | Proposal to increase the standard weekly rate for Older People in Hampshire County Council-run residential and nursing homes |
| <b>Report From:</b>    | Director of Adults' Health and Care  |

**Contact name:** Karen Ashton

**Tel:** 01962 845612

**Email:** karen.ashton@hants.gov.uk

### 1. The decision:

That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health approves an increase in the standard weekly rate for affected self funders for care provided within Hampshire County Council-run older persons residential and nursing homes by between £119.98 and £133.00 per week to be implemented in April 2019.

### 2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1 To respond to significant reductions in the central Government grant that the County Council receives, all departments have had to put forward savings programmes, including reviewing the level of fees charged for services provided to recover the full cost of the service delivered. This proposal is put forward as part of the Adults' Health and Care Transformation to 2019 Savings Programme.
- 2.2 The previous fee increase in the standard weekly rate in Hampshire County Council-run residential and nursing homes, approved by the Executive Member in January 2017, did not represent full cost recovery. The proposed increase in April 2019 is intended to recover the total cost of providing care to the individual resident and this includes the overheads associated with running the service, and elements such as: buildings, maintenance, laundry, HR, finance, management and administration and staff training, all of which have to be paid for in order to run each of these facilities. These types of overhead are the same as would already be included in the fees charged by any independent sector care home.
- 2.3 The primary focus for County Council-run homes will continue to be meeting the needs of people who do not have sufficient resources to fully fund their own care, particularly those people who have complex needs that can be costly and challenging to meet.

**3. Other options considered and rejected:**

3.1 Do nothing. This option was rejected due to the need to ensure that the full cost of the service delivered is recovered. The County Council is no longer in a financial position to be able to sustain charging at a rate that is below what it costs to deliver its services.

**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: Not applicable

**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 also taken into account comments received, and deputations made at my Decision Day meeting.

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

-----

3 October 2018

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