

RECORD OF AN URGENT DECISION BY AN OFFICER

1	DECISION TITLE	ADULT SOCIAL CARE PROVIDER SECTOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	N/A	
3	DATE OF DECISION	9 April, 2020	
4	PLACE OF DECISION	Strategic Co-ordination Group	
5	DECISION MAKER	Director of Adult Social Care and Health	
6	DECISION TAKEN	To increase fee rates across the care sector, as detailed in the report, for a period of 6 months with effect from 1st May 2020, above the fee rate increase approved by Members in March 2020 as part of the annual fee rate review process, to financially support the care provider market in order to promote service capacity and sustainability during the national Covid-19 pandemic emergency.	
7	REASON(S) FOR DECISION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preserve life 2. Protect the vulnerable people in our communities 4. Support local businesses and the economy 	
8	ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED	<p>There could be no increase to fee rates, however, the risk would be that care providers would continue to experience pressures in recruitment and retention.</p> <p>Alternative methods of support are also being provided. Support with recruitment, with volunteer staff, with Personal Protective Equipment and cleaning products, with procurement, by payment on a planned care basis (supporting cashflow) and by reduced reporting and contract monitoring at this time of emergency pandemic.</p> <p>With the support in place to the care sector as above, care providers are reporting continuing, and escalating, significant pressures affecting market supply sustainability at this time of pandemic emergency.</p>	
9	KEY DECISION	Yes	
(a)	<p><u>'Publicity'</u></p> <p><i>If 'Yes', was notice published on the Forward Plan at least 28 clear days before being made?</i></p> <p>No</p>	<p><u>'General Exception'</u></p> <p>No</p>	<p><u>'Cases of Special Urgency'</u></p> <p>Councillor Moira McLaughlin, Chair of the Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, has agreed to this matter being</p>

			treated as a case of Special Urgency.
(b)	<u>Call-In</u>	In the opinion of the decision maker, the decision is an urgent one in that any delay likely to be caused by the Call-In process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interest. The Chief Executive has agreed both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency. The decision is therefore not subject to Call-In.	
(c)	<u>Budget</u> <i>Is this spend contrary to the Council Budget?</i> Yes	<i>If Covid-19 related, Scrutiny Chairs have pre-agreed that any such decision is to be treated as a matter of urgency. Will be reported to Council in due course</i>	
10	DATE PUBLISHED	9 April, 2020	
12	REPORT <i>Has any report (or part of the report) relevant to the decision been considered by the individual Member or officer?</i>	Yes <i>If 'Yes', the report (or part of the report), that is not exempt information, will afterwards be published alongside this Decision Notice.</i>	