

Officer Decisions

Joint Associate Director of Commissioning - Tim Golby

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision

The award of inflation with regard to fees for care homes

Decision Taken

1. To award an inflationary increase to the banded fee rates, such increase to be set at a rate calculated each September, plus an additional 1.5% each year for each of the next three years. In 2015/2016 this will be a total increase of 3.2%
2. To award inflation, calculated each September to non-banded fees. For 2015/16 this will be 1.7%

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected

1. To only award for one year. This was rejected as it does not provide certainty to the provider market in order for them to undertake medium term financial planning.
2. To carry out a full re-run of the financial model. This was rejected because the Council believes its model to be robust, having fully tested it last year, re-running the model would require significant Council resources to be dedicated to such an exercise and the only material changes in between last year and this are the changes in inflation and National Minimum Wage.
3. To make an award greater than the offer. Rejected as the offer is fair and reasonable and provides for an additional 1.5% above inflation.
4. To award no increase in fees from the 2014/15 levels. This was rejected as being unreasonable in light of increased costs being experienced by providers through increases in National Minimum Wage and inflation.

Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation

There are no conflicts of interest

Contact for enquiries/further information

Tim Golby

Decision Date

28 April 2015

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