

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 22nd October 2019 by the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care.

Date notified to all members: 23rd October 2019.

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on 29 October 2019.

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from 30th October 2019.

1. TITLE

Care Home Payment Model Change

2. DECISION TAKEN

Sheffield City Council, in collaboration with Council-funded Care Home residents and their families, and Council funded Care Homes, to develop operational readiness for a transition to a new payment and charging model whereby Care Homes are paid their fee gross as opposed to net of the resident's contribution, and Care Home residents are charged by the City Council as opposed to by their Care Home.

3. Reasons For Decision

1. This change will ensure the Council's processes fall in line with National Statutory Guidance.
2. Switching to an arrangement whereby the Council pays providers gross and charges the resident directly will ensure that charges to vulnerable people are within Local Authority control.
3. The arrangement will provide care homes with greater financial assurance and will also reduce the administrative burden on care homes associated with charging and debt recovery.

4. Alternatives Considered And Rejected

In order to better protect vulnerable people with the cost of care the Council might consider simply strengthening the existing controls and monitoring arrangements with Care Homes. However, it is felt that the recommended proposal will better support individuals and care homes as well as reflecting the Statutory Guidance.

5. **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Executive Director, People Services

7. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In**

Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee