

Agenda Item 5

EXECUTIVE – 1 MARCH 2022

ITEM 5: RESIDENTIAL AND NURSING CARE FEE LEVELS WITHIN ADULT SOCIAL CARE

STATEMENT FROM ADULTS AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee supports the recommendations to the Executive.

The Committee would like to make the following comments:

- Setting the fee rates for one year from 1 April 2022 is supported, on the basis of the present climate of uncertainty and the need to let the market settle.
- The exploration of block purchasing (paragraph 6.3.1) is supported, and it is understood the use of block purchasing is more likely to focus on providers of specialised services, as this would be means of securing places for Lincolnshire residents in a local setting.
- There is concern that with the rate of inflation (4%) used in the calculation of the revised rates may not be adequate, but it is understood that the care sector would approach the Council if a higher inflation rate were to persist.
- The hardship fund (recommendation 6) of £1 million is supported by the Committee as a means of supporting increased utility and insurance costs from providers and is also supported by the Chair of the Lincolnshire Care Association, Melanie Weatherley, who attended the meeting. However, some members of the Committee questioned whether this level of funding would be able to meet all the requests for funding from providers.

Additional Information was circulated to the Committee in the form of a powerpoint presentation, which is available in full at the following link:

[Agenda for Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on Wednesday, 23rd February, 2022, 10.00 am \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

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