

# Agenda Item 5

## EXECUTIVE

7 MARCH 2023

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### COMMUNITY SUPPORTED LIVING, RESIDENTIAL CARE AND RESIDENTIAL WITH NURSING CARE

On 22 February 2023 the Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee agreed to support the eight recommendations to the Executive. The Committee accepted the rationale used to calculate the proposed levels of fees to be paid to providers for these services.

The Committee also agreed to make the following comments to the Executive:

- (1) The Committee was reassured that the various data available to the Council were used to see which of its providers were becoming a high risk and were likely to need targeted support. An example of support could be the hardship fund, where providers could receive funds for assistance with increased energy and insurance costs. Lincolnshire County Council has been the only local authority operating a hardship fund during 2022-23 and has also been advising other local authorities on how to operate one. The Committee requested updates on the hardship fund as part of its budgetary monitoring reports during 2023-24.
- (2) Further to (1) above, the Committee welcomed the use of block contracts, as a means of supporting and providing stability to the residential care and community supported living market.
- (3) The Committee would like to see the programme of developing intermediate care accelerated, in partnership with the NHS. An example of this has been the establishment of sixty 'active recovery beds', which were already seeing high numbers of people returning to their home to live independently, as opposed to long term residential care. Funding for active recovery beds is being sought from the NHS, so that this initiative could continue beyond 31 March 2023.
- (4) Consideration might need to be given to how settings such as community supported living might be promoted to the public as alternatives to residential care. This and other parts of the transformation programme could also be promoted.

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