

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
HEALTH AND ADULT SERVICES EXECUTIVE**

Meeting of the Health and Adult Services Executive

Date 19th October 2018 at 4.20 p.m.

Venue: Jesmond House, Harrogate

DECISION RECORD & MEETING NOTES

Present: Councillor Michael Harrison and Councillor Caroline Dickinson

Officers: Richard Webb (RW), & Patrick Duffy (PD) (Minute taker)

NOTE: Anton Hodge (AH) joined the meeting via Conference call in respect of Item 2

| NO. | ITEM | For Note/ Action |
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| 1 | Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st September 2018 | |
| | AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Health and Adult Services Executive held on 21 st September 2018 be approved as a correct record. | |
| 2 | Consultation on Charges for the cost of Adult Social Care | |
| | <p>CONSIDERED:</p> <p>A report by the Corporate Director which sought approval to consult on proposals regarding charges for transport and the cost of care.</p> <p>Anton Hodge, Assistant Director, Resources, joined the meeting via Conference Call and talked Members through the report.</p> <p>He highlighted the following aspects in particular:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Transport charges and contributions to the cost of care were two of the savings projects, covering the period upto and beyond 2020, that the Council had approved at its meeting in February 2018.- The savings targets approved by the Council for transport and personal contributions to care costs, are £250,000 and £100,000, respectively. | |

- The Council has the power to charge adults for care and support where they have been assessed as having eligible needs. The power is discretionary.
- A number of engagement sessions had been held with people who use adult social care services and providers and he would be happy to meet with them, and others, again during the consultation period.
- Feedback from these sessions had suggested there is a willingness to review transport charges, but, on including the full cost of care in a financial assessment, it had been more mixed
- On transport, a number of options had been considered and it was proposed to consult on:-
 - a maximum weekly contribution;
 - an increase to the current contribution rate; and
 - continuing with a flat rate, but based on a charge per journey, rather than per day.
- The part of the consultation on contributing to the full cost of care would deal with proposals to ensure that the full cost was regarded when assessing any personal contribution towards the cost.
- Views would also be sought on ensuring people make a contribution to the whole package of their care based on their assessed ability to pay. This could impact on people who have two carers supporting them in that, currently, only the cost of one carer is included in the calculation, whereas the proposal is that the person will be asked to contribute towards the cost of both of their carers.

With regard to the above point, Councillor Harrison felt that this should be made very clear in the consultation. AH confirmed this would be the case.

Councillor Harrison sought clarification on the situation where people do not pay/not all of the charges are collected. AH advised that this was referred to in the consultation.

Councillor Harrison was in agreement with the recommendations but it was felt that, for clarity, the word “transport” should be included in the decision.

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| | <p>AGREED:-</p> <p>a) That a public consultation takes place regarding personal contributions to transport and care costs and proposals which will ask for views on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. increasing the charge made to people who use the transport service, while confirming that North Yorkshire County Council will continue to pick up the bulk of the cost; and ii. ensuring that the total cost of care and support is taken into account when determining the level of contributions paid by those people who use the service. <p>b) That the consultation take place between 29th October 2018 and 21st January 2019.</p> <p>c) That the results of this consultation feed into the project which is looking at these options and brings back a report of the consultation and recommendations, including any proposed charges, early in 2019.</p> <p><i>NOTE: Decision Record Form No. HAS 2018/10 was completed for this Item.</i></p> | <p>AH</p> <p>AH</p> <p>AH</p> <p>AH</p> |
| 3 | Next Meeting | |
| | <p>ON: Friday 30th November 2018 IN: Meeting Room NB242, North Block, County Hall, Northallerton AT: 2.00 p.m.</p> | <p>ALL</p> |
| 4 | The meeting scheduled for Friday 14th December 2018 | |
| | <p>AGREED that this meeting be limited to one hour from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. with the main, and possibly, sole Item being "NHS Updates"</p> | <p>ALL</p> |