

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting3rd December 2015

1. Title of Item/Report

Care Act 2014 - Charging Policy Review

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on Care Act 2014 – Charging Policy Review.

The report presented the details of the review of the current Charging Policy, in line with the Cabinet agreement on 12th February 2015 to defer consideration of any changes in line with the implementation of the Care Act until later in 2015.

The current charging policy was Care Act compliant, but there were a number of discretionary elements in the new regulations to be considered. These were attached to the report.

Although the proposed Care Act funding reforms had been deferred until 2020, the Department of Health had confirmed that the Charging Regulations were to be reviewed, for implementation in April 2018.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The report be received.
2. The progress that has been made in ensuring compliance of the Charging Policy with the legislative changes that came into effect on 1 April 2015 be noted, the detail of which is shown in the Appendix to the report.
3. The following areas of the Charging Policy be approved for consultation:-
 - a. The maximum amount payable towards care and support at home.
 - b. The extension of the deferred payment scheme to those who do not meet the mandatory criteria, where it is appropriate to do so.
 - c. The introduction of administration fees for the deferred payments scheme.
 - d. The level of interest rates for the deferred payment scheme.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To keep Cabinet informed of progress in relation to the review of the Charging Policy and to seek agreement to the areas detailed where consideration of further consultation is required.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on 11th December 2015

Proper Officer
07 August 2015