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Dear Secretary of State

In reply to your letter of 21st February 2017, I am writing to confirm that Warrington Borough Council has increased its council tax to fund adult social care services in 2017-18.

Warrington's council tax (Adult Social Care element) has increased by 3% in 2017-18.

I am also writing to certify that Warrington Borough Council will use the additional 2017-18 funding for adult social care (as announced in the Spring Budget 2017) to fund adult social care services.

I have completed the table in the spreadsheet attached (*S151 Return*), comparing the changes in adult social care budgets (including overhead and running costs) with those of other non-ringfenced/non-statutory services, including and excluding precept and the additional Budget funding for adult social care.

I certify that the authority will use the funding above 2% to improve the way social care services are delivered in my area, and have set out below how we propose to do so.

National living wage increase - £2.25m

In April 2016 the National Living wage was introduced at £7.20 per hour, and in April 2017 this again rose to £7.50. To take account of this and the statutory responsibility to maintain the care market, provider fees were increased by 5%. With a net applicable ASC budget of circa £37m this equates to £1.85m. This change also impacts on sleep in allowance costs with an anticipated increase of circa £0.4m.

Transitional clients - £0.6m

Each year several clients turn 18 and transition from children to adults. A detailed exercise was undertaken with costs in 2017-18, estimated to be £0.6m.

Care purchase demographic pressure - £0.6m

As part of the budget setting process a demographic increase in the numbers of clients / cost of packages was identified at £0.6m.

Court of Protection Mental Capacity Act – Deprivation of Liberty - £0.4m

Pressure resulting from the change in legislation.

Care Act Funding rolled into settlement - £1.3m

TOTAL ASC pressures £5.15m.

Yours faithfully



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Section 151 Officer



Steve Reddy
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