

WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY AN OFFICER**

DECISION TITLE:	Domiciliary Care and Supported Accommodation Covid-19 Contingency Payments						
Cabinet Decision No and/or Forward Plan No (Cabinet decisions only)	Key Decision No. 069/19						
Directorate Ref No (Non Cabinet decisions only) If applicable	n/a						
Decision detail	<p>The purpose of the key decision was to seek delegated authority to officers to modify and award contracts as necessary to ensure the operation of council services in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 and the Cabinet Office Policy Procurement Notes 01/20 and 02/20.</p> <p>Delegated approval was given.</p> <p>In early April, an initial payment to Domiciliary care and Support Accommodation Providers was made based on a % of the monthly payment to them. These Phase 1 payments were rounded up to the nearest multiple of £500 for supported accommodation and £2,500 for domiciliary care. The total of these Phase 1 payments was £136,000. On review and following feedback, there were a number of smaller providers and those where we only commission very small amounts of care who were excluded by this methodology or received lower sums based on differential pricing.</p> <p>Indications are that the initial payments were sufficient to cover an estimated 8 weeks of additional costs. Many providers nationally are reporting an estimated 10% increase in costs and whilst not as impacted as the care home sector, these critical services continue to be impacted by additional staffing costs in particular. It is likely that these additional costs will continue into June and July. A review will then be undertaken to consider whether Phase 3 is required.</p> <p>The proposal is to confirm Phase 2 payments on the basis of number of hours provided (supported accommodation) or the number of visits (domiciliary care). These critical services provide support to over 1200 individuals. And the Phase 2 payments are planned as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Domiciliary Care</td> <td>£59,800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Supported Accommodation</td> <td>£90,700</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>£150,500</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>It should be noted here that the monetary amounts quoted here represent the maximum amount currently proposed to be made available to providers and that all awards made to providers are subject to a validation process via provider returns. These returns will also be subject to audit.</i></p> <p>Full details of the background to the matter and the payments made can be found in Appendix 1.</p>	Domiciliary Care	£59,800	Supported Accommodation	£90,700	Total	£150,500
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Reason for Decision	In line with the delegated authority, the reason for the decision is to ensure social care providers can continue to deliver the required care in the light of increased costs incurred directly as a result of Covid 19.						

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Decision Maker/Responsible Officer	Lynton Green, Director of Corporate Services.
Directorate	Corporate Services
Lead Cabinet Member consulted (if applicable)	Cllr Cathy Mitchell – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member, Corporate Resources
Decision Date	23 April 2020
Date Decision was published / notified (normally within 2 clear working days of decision being made)	25 September 2020
Summary of options considered	Set out in Appendix 1
Interests declared	None
Background Papers (if applicable) <i>(period expires after 4 years from date of decision)</i>	Previous grant award and letter. Appendix 1
Confidential / exempt information	Appendix 1 - exempt by virtue of category 3, Local Government Act 1972, schedule 12A.
Category (if applicable)	

NB. This form expires after 6 years.