

**OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME  
RECORD OF OPERATIONAL DECISION**



**TO BE UPLOADED TO THE E-MEETINGS MANAGER**

<b>Date:</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	<b>Ref No:</b> 1554
<b>Type of Operational Decision:</b>	
<b>Executive Decision</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Council Decision</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Status:</b> For publication	
<b>Title/Subject matter:</b> Fees paid by the Department for Communities & Wellbeing for externally commissioned services in the 2017/2018 financial years	
<b>Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance - Is the decision:</b>	
(i) within an Approved Budget	✓
(ii) not in conflict with Council Policy	✓
(iii) not raising new issues of Policy	✓
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b> [Does this decision change policy, procedure or working practice or negatively impact on a group of people? <b>If yes</b> - complete EIA and summarise issues identified and recommendations - forward EIA to Corporate HR]	No
<b>Details of Operational Decision Taken:</b>	
<p>The Department for Communities &amp; Wellbeing recommend that the following fee proposals submitted for consultation with externally commissioned services for 2017/18 are now final.</p> <p>A two stage approach has been undertaken and the Final Offer for 2017/18 is set out below:-</p>	
<b>Care at Home Services (Domiciliary Care)</b>	
<p>It is recommended that the fee proposal for 2017/18 is implemented. The fee rate as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 will be £14.00 per hour and represents an increase of £0.75 per hour (5.65%) on 2016/17 fee rate.</p> <p>In anticipation of the outcome of re-tendering the Care at Home service, currently underway, it is further recommended that on contract award/start date of the new contracts (expected to be September 2017) the fee rate will be further increased to £14.60 per hour and represents an increase of £1.35 per hour (10.20%) on 2016/17 fee rate.</p>	

The impact of this is shown in the table below.

Care at Home (Domiciliary Care)	2016/17 Fee Rates	Percentage Increase	Recommended 2017/18 Fee Rate
Pre-Tender	£13.25	5.65%	£14.00
Post Tender / Contract Award	£13.25	10.20%	£14.60

#### Older People Residential Care – Standard Rate

Since 2014 when the Quality Assurance Framework (QAF) was introduced, Bury Council has paid fees according to a four tier rating system (A-D). This was developed in order to reward providers who had met all the requirements of the QAF i.e. the 'A' level fee rate would be awarded. Any providers who persistently refused to increase their care standards were advised that their fee rates would be reduced to a level 'D'.

Currently all our older people in borough residential care services are paid fee rates at level A. As the QAF is being revised for 2017/18, consideration may be needed to revise the four tier rating for the 2018/19 fee engagement process.

It is recommended that the fee proposal for 2017/18 is implemented which results in a fee uplift of 3.27%.

The impact of this is shown in the table below.

Older People's Residential Care	2016/17 Fee Rates	Percentage Increase	Recommended 2017/18 Fee Rate
Level A	£445.48	3.27%	£460.04
Level B	£432.32	3.27%	£446.45
Level C	£403.04	3.27%	£416.22
Level D	£382.11	3.27%	£394.60

#### Adults Residential Care – Standard Rate

It is recommended that the fee proposal for 2017/18 is implemented which results in a fee uplift of 3.27%. The Quality Assurance Framework, as discussed above, also applies to these care homes.

The impact of this is shown in the table below.

Adults (MH/LD/PD)	2016/17 Fee Rates	Percentage Increase	Proposed 2017/18 Fee Rate
Level A	£440.45	3.27%	£454.84
Level B	£429.34	3.27%	£443.38
Level C	£407.08	3.27%	£420.39
Level D	£382.11	3.27%	£394.60

### Adults Supported Living

It is recommended to move to a standard hourly rate paid per person to providers for the provision of Supported Living services.

The impact of this is shown in the table below

Year	Standard Rate per Hour
2017/18	£14.57

It is recommended that Sleep-in support will be paid at an hourly rate of £8.73 to take account of the increase in the National Living Wage to £7.50 from April 2017.

### Other Services

- **Supported People**



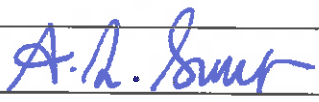
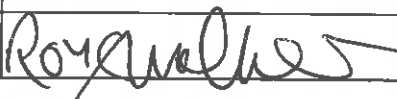
As the Supporting People Grant no longer exists, it is recommended that where dual rates exist in services, due to historic Supporting People Grant funding of tenancy related support, (for example in supported living and supported accommodation services). These rates will be assimilated to the recommended standard hourly rate for Supported Living services of £14.57, therefore it is recommended that only one community fee rate will exist for these services.

- **Daycare**

It is recommended that the fee proposal for 2017/18 is implemented which results in a fee uplift of 1.5%.

- **Out of Borough Services**

It is recommended that any uplift will be considered in line with the host authority.

Decision taken by:	Signature:	Date:
Interim Executive Director for Resources & Regulation		25/5/17
Acting Executive Director or Chief/Senior Officer		5/6/2017
Head of Workforce – Communities & Wellbeing	NA	
<b>Members Consulted [see note 1 below]</b>		
Executive Member/Chair		06/06/2017
Lead Member		
Opposition Spokesperson		15/6/2017

**Notes**

1. It is not generally a requirement to consult with any Members on Operational Decisions but where a Chief Officer considers it necessary to consult with the appropriate Executive Member and/or Lead Member, they must sign the form so as to confirm that they have been consulted and that they agree with the proposed action. The signature of the Opposition Spokesperson should be obtained to confirm that he/she has been consulted.
2. **This form must not be used for urgent decisions.**