

**OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME
RECORD OF OPERATIONAL DECISION**



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Date: 01/06/2020	Ref No: 2047	
Type of Operational Decision:		
Executive Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Council Decision <input type="checkbox"/>	
Status:		
Title/Subject matter: Support to Shared Lives carers during COVID-19 pandemic		
Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance – Is the decision:		
(i) within an Approved Budget	x	
(ii) in accordance with Council Policy		
Equality Impact Assessment [Does this decision change policy, procedure or working practice or negatively impact on a group of people? If yes – complete EIA and summarise issues identified and recommendations – forward EIA to Corporate HR]	No, the effects will impact on all individuals within those service equally.	
Details of Operational Decision Taken [with reasons]: See body of report.		
Decision taken by:	Signature:	Date:
Executive Director or Chief/Senior Officer		1.6.2020
Members Consulted [see note 1 below]		
Cabinet Member/Chair		
Lead Member		1.6.2020

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 Cabinet 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.**

Shared Lives Carers provide support to an individual within their own home and share their family and/or community life with that person. This is a very different way of working compared to other forms of adult social care. Shared Lives Carers provide care and support to people on their own, or as part of a couple and they do not employ staff.

A number of customers in receipt of the Shared Lives service were, up until the current pandemic, also attending either day services or full time college courses. This is no longer the case which has necessitated an increase in care provided by the Shared Lives carers.

The role of the Shared Lives Carer is incredibly demanding. Whilst other professionals who work and support people in adult social care are able to clock off at the end of their shift, Shared Lives carers are not.

To ensure that Shared Lives Carers are supported fully during the current outbreak it is important that any arrangement is commissioned and funded appropriately. With day service and respite services being suspended for most of the individuals within Shared Lives this has left them getting little break or rest.

To support the carers it is proposed that during this outbreak they should be able to request, via their care managers/social worker, an extra payment of £40 per day. This is the standard daily rate for the Shared Lives carer and would cover the additional number of days they are having to provide support now their customers are not accessing day service.

This should ensure the carers are both appropriately funded but reaffirm the value in which we hold them and give them ability to manage the increased pressures caused by COVID-19.

The following are up to the end of July 2020.

- Shared Lives Carer 1 – 2 customers at home 4 extra days per week (total 8 extra days): £320p/w up to 24.4.20. Two days per week from then: £160p/w
Total: £2720
- Shared Lives Carer 2 – 1 customer at home 3 extra days per week: £120p/w
Total: £1680
- Shared Lives Carer 3 – 1 customer at home 5 extra days per week: £200p/w
Total: £2800
- Shared Lives Carer 4 – 2 customers at home 4 extra days per week (total 8 extra days): £320p/w
Total: £4480

- Shared Lives Carer 5 – 1 customer at home 5 extra day per week: £200p/w and 1 customer at home 3 extra days per week: £120p/w.
Total: £4300
- Shared Lives Carer 6 – 1 customer at home 1 extra days per week: £40/w
Total: £600
- Shared Lives Carer 7 – 1 customer at home 4 extra days per week : £160p/w
Total: £2240
- Shared Lives Carer 8 - 1 customer at home 5 extra days per week: £200p/w
Total: £2800
- Share Lives Carer 9 – Provided additional respite of 7 nights at £52.27p/n
Total: £365.89

Proposal is for this to be until 30th June 2020 in line with other adult social care offers subject to review. Total cost would therefore be £21,985.89 from COVID funding. This additional funding is covered by the original COVID provider offer which includes the offer to review extraordinary expenditure incurred by providers. This is therefore for information only.