

SPECIAL URGENCY FORM

(The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000) (Regulation 16)

THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL SEEKS THE APPROVAL OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEALTHY STAFFORDSHIRE SELECT COMMITTEE (OR IF HE OR SHE IS UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO ACT, THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL) FOR A KEY DECISION TO BE TAKEN.

THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL ALSO SEEKS THE APPROVAL OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CORPORATE REVIEW COMMITTEE (OR IF HE OR SHE IS UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO ACT, THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL) TO THE DECISION BEING EXEMPT FROM CALL-IN AS DELAY LIKELY TO BE CAUSED BY THE CALL-IN PROCESS WOULD SERIOUSLY PREJUDICE THE COUNCIL'S OR THE PUBLIC'S INTERESTS OR THE INTERESTS OF ANY PERSON(S) TO WHOM THE DECISION RELATES.

SUBJECT: Care Provider Fee Uplift and Financial Stability Measures 2020/21

BACKGROUND:

Care providers are facing real cost pressures from COVID-19 due to staff absence and the need to replace them with agency staff, as well as the need to purchase additional equipment including PPE. There is considerable concern nationally about the risk of care providers failing: this would have a catastrophic impact on people and the NHS.

Care providers and the NHS have lobbied hard for nationally set fees and/or a nationally set fee increase. This appears to have been resisted (for now) – however LGA and ADASS issued a joint statement on 08 April 2020 recommending that local authorities offer care providers a 5% fee uplift in 2020/21 and in addition that local authorities offer care providers non-recurrent financial sustainability funding equal to 10% of fees for at least one month.

REASONS WHY THE MAKING OF THE DECISION IS URGENT AND CANNOT REASONABLY AWAIT THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CABINET:

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| Signed: | John Tradewell | Director of Corporate Services |
| Signed: | Philip Atkins | Leader of the Council |
| Signed: | Johnny McMahon | Chairman of the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee |
| Signed: | David Williams | Chairman of the Corporate Review Committee |

Reference:

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