



OFFICIAL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE PUBLISHED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Notice is hereby given that the following decision(s) have been made today by Cabinet Members at the London Borough of Hillingdon:

Title of decision	OUTCOME OF CHARGING FOR SOCIAL CARE AND SUPPORT POLICY CONSULTATION
Reference No.	1405
Date of decision	Wednesday 30 April 2025
Call-in expiry date	Thursday 8 May 2025
Relevant Select Committee	Health & Social Care Select Committee
Relevant Wards	N/A

Decision made

Cabinet Members making the decision	Councillor Jane Palmer, Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care
Decision	Approved The Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Considered the outcome of the consultation and the equalities impact assessment as set out in the report.2. Upon the advice of Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health agreed the 25/26 Adult Social Care Charging for Social Care and Support Policy.3. Noted that for 26/27 onwards, this policy and fees will be reviewed annually as part of the Council's wider review of fees and charges to provide a transparent and consistent approach going forward.
Reason for decision	<p>The revised Policy will meet the principles for charging set out in the Care and Support Statutory Guidance. It is a robust, up-to-date and comprehensive policy that will ensure that the Council is able to charge and collect contributions towards the cost of care and support services.</p> <p>The fees charged by the council for adult social care services are crucial, they are however, proportionate and take into consideration the ability to pay. Without the revenue from these charges, the service would not be viable in the future</p>

	<p>The feedback from the consultation exercise reflected the challenges in providing a technically detailed policy that is also easy to follow but there were no issues raised that have required any changes to the revised Policy. Further work will be undertaken to provide supporting information via the councils' factsheets to aid understanding.</p> <p>It is essential that there is a policy to provide a framework for charging, and that this is reviewed and updated annually in line with the Councils fees and charges review at annual budget setting.</p>
Alternative options considered and rejected	<p>The Cabinet Member can choose not to agree to the revised charging policy. This is not recommended due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from the consultation does result in the need to review or rewrite the charging policy. • The current policy is out of date and therefore is not providing the necessary clarity and transparency regarding paying for care which may result in a loss of income • The benefits highlighted in the points above will not be achieved
Classification	Part 1- Public
Link to associated report	The link to the report can be found here
Relevant Officer contact & Directorate	Sarah Baker, Programme Manager
Any interest declared by the Cabinet Member(s) / dispensation granted	N/A

Implementation of decision & scrutiny call-in

[Internal Use only]	
When can this decision be implemented by officers?	<p>Officers can implement Cabinet Member decision in this notice only from the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period which is:</p> <p>5pm on Thursday 8 May 2025</p> <p>However, this is subject to the decision not being called in by Councillors on the relevant Select Committee. Upon receipt of a</p>

	valid call-in request, Democratic Services will immediately advise the relevant officer(s) and the decision must then be put on hold.
Councillor scrutiny call-in of this decision	<p>Councillors on the relevant Select Committee shown in this notice may request to call-in this decision. The request must be before the expiry of the scrutiny call-in period above.</p> <p>Councillors should use the Scrutiny Call-in App (link below) on their devices to initiate any call-in request. Further advice can be sought from Democratic Services if required:</p> <p>Scrutiny Call-In - Power Apps (secure)</p>
Further information	<p>These decisions, where applicable, have been taken under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.</p> <p>This is the formal notice by the Council of the above executive decision, including links to the reports where applicable.</p> <p>If you would like more information on this decision, please contact Democratic Services on 01895 250636 or email: democratic@hillingdon.gov.uk.</p> <p>Circulation of this decision notice is to a variety of people including Members of the Council, Corporate Directors, Officers, Group Secretariats and the Public. Copies are also placed on the Council's website.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Democratic Services London Borough of Hillingdon Civic Centre High Street Uxbridge UB8 1UW</p>