

**Written statement of a non-key officer decision**  
**Director for adults and wellbeing**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Care Provider fee increase for 2018 - 2019</b>																						
Decision maker	Director for adults and wellbeing																						
Date of decision	20 April 2018																						
Report exemption class	Open																						
Purpose	To approve the care provider fee increase for 2018/19 for contracted services delivered for care at home, day activity provision and supported living in line with the councils contractual duty.																						
<b>Decision</b>	<p><b>That:</b></p> <p><b>(a) a 2.5% increase in fees paid for contracted services, including care at home, day activities, and supported living as set out in the table below be approved to take effect from 2 April 2018</b></p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="3">Urban</th> <th colspan="3">Rural</th> <th rowspan="2">Equivalent hourly rate (rural premium) for 45 mins and 30 mins rates</th> <th rowspan="2">24 hour rate</th> </tr> <tr> <th>60 mins</th> <th>45 mins</th> <th>30 mins</th> <th>60 mins</th> <th>45 mins</th> <th>30 mins</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>£16.20</td> <td>£12.15</td> <td>£8.10</td> <td>£16.20</td> <td>£12.52</td> <td>£8.34</td> <td>£16.69</td> <td>£13.12</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Urban			Rural			Equivalent hourly rate (rural premium) for 45 mins and 30 mins rates	24 hour rate	60 mins	45 mins	30 mins	60 mins	45 mins	30 mins	£16.20	£12.15	£8.10	£16.20	£12.52	£8.34	£16.69	£13.12
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Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at <a href="http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50025767">http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50025767</a>																						
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Options considered	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The council does not pay any increase to care providers. This is not recommended as the council is required to consider an annual increase as provided for in the contract, whilst also taking into consideration the wider economic climate. Analysis shows there have been a number of increases in the cost of operating care services, including but not limited, to the national living wage increases. The</li> </ol>																						

	recommendation represents a balance between recognising the cost pressures facing care providers and the funding available to the council.
Declarations of interest	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	26 April 2018

Officer: .....	Date 20 April 2018
Director for adults and wellbeing (Stephen Vickers)	