

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member health and wellbeing

Title	Self-Funder Policy
Decision maker	Cabinet member health and wellbeing Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	4 March 2019
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	To approve the Self-Funder Policy for people who use social care services, providers of social care services and social care professionals, aligned to the Adult and Communities directorate. The policy is compliant with the Care Act 2014 and its associated regulations and statutory guidance and seeks to provide clear information and available options in regard to the self-funder journey, to inform decision making.
Decision	That: (a) The Adult Social Care Self-Funder Policy, at appendix 1, is approved.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50025558

Options considered	1. No overarching policy is adopted in relation to Herefordshire Council's approach to Self-Funders of social care services. This is not recommended, as the addition of a Self-Funder Policy aligns to the councils "Meeting Your Social Care Needs" Policy and the "Charging, Deferred Payments and Top-Up" Policies into one document with a specific focus on the self-funder cohort, and also offers guidance and advice and signals responsibilities of all including providers and self-funders, as well as the council. In addition it provides specific guidance for practitioners in meeting the council's legal obligations under the Care Act 2014. In addition it sets out the expectations of care providers and the responsibilities of self-funders.
Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	8 March 2019

Councillor: Cabinet member health and wellbeing (Councillor P Rone)	Date 4 March 2019
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;
- and
- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted by the relevant local authority's head of paid service.