

LEAD MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health, Councillor Carl Maynard, on 28 November 2025 at Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Councillors Kathryn Field spoke on item 4 (see minute 11)

7. DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD MEMBER ON 4 JUNE 2025

7.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2025.

8. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

8.1 There were none.

9. URGENT ITEMS

9.1 There were none.

10. REPORTS

10.1 Reports referred to in the minutes below are contained in the minute book.

11. PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE NEW CHARGES FOR ADULTS WHO PAY THE FULL COST OF NON-RESIDENTIAL CARE ARRANGED ON THEIR BEHALF BY EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

11.1 The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Adult Social Care and Health.

DECISIONS

11.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to:

- 1) Note the outcome of the consultation, Equality Impact Assessment and feedback from staff engagement; and
- 2) Approve the implementation of proposed new charges for adults who pay the full cost of non-residential care arranged on their behalf by East Sussex County Council.

REASONS

11.3 The proposed charges offer an opportunity for East Sussex County Council to recover costs incurred from setting up non-residential care on behalf of adults who pay the full cost of their care. If applied as proposed, it is projected that they could recover up to £100,000 annually.

11.4 The Council has considered wider feedback to implement changes, such as adapting future communications and incorporating an exemption step within the planned process.

11.5 This will support cost recovery. The power to charge has a statutory basis and is line with the practice of many other local authorities, including other upper-tier authorities in Sussex. The Equality Impact Assessment has concluded that introducing the charges will not disproportionately affect any resident on the basis of their protected characteristics.