

LEAD MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health, Councillor Carl Maynard, on 16 January 2026 at Remote Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Councillor Kathryn Field spoke on item 4 (see minute 24)

20. DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD MEMBER ON 15 DECEMBER 2025

20.1 The Lead Member approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2025.

21. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

21.1 There were none.

22. URGENT ITEMS

22.1 There were none.

23. REPORTS

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

**24. CHANGES TO SPOUSE ALLOWANCES AND SAVINGS CREDIT DISREGARDS
WITHIN THE ADULT SOCIAL CARE CHARGING FOR CARE AND SUPPORT POLICY**

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

DECISIONS

24.2 The Lead Member RESOLVED to:

- 1) Agree the proposed changes to the calculation of Spouse Allowances (SA) within financial assessments as set out in paragraphs 2.5 to 2.13 of the report;
- 2) Agree the proposed changes to the application of Savings Credit Disregard (SCD) within financial assessments as set out in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.4 of the report; and
- 3) Note the financial impact of the proposed changes.

REASONS

24.3 The proposed changes to the Charging for Care and Support Policy will enable the Council to align its financial assessment approach more closely with that used by other local authorities.

24.4 The change to the spouse allowance calculation and savings credits disregard will ensure that assessed contributions are appropriate, fair and equitable. This change will support the Council priority “making best use of resources now and for the future” as costs for care will be applied fairly, in line with legislation, and in the most cost-effective and efficient way.

24.5 Policy updates have been drafted and supporting guidance for the proposed new processes have been developed. Subject to Lead Member approval these updated documents would be published ahead of the changes being implemented from the start of the 2026/27 financial year.