

LEAD MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE

DECISIONS made by the Lead Member for Adult Social Care, Councillor Bill Bentley, on 2 April 2015 at CC1, County Hall, Lewes

Councillors Peter Pragnell and John Ungar spoke on items 4 & 5 (see minutes 19 & 20)

17 DECISIONS MADE BY THE LEAD CABINET MEMBER ON 12 MARCH 2015

17.1. Councillor Bentley approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2015.

18 REPORTS

18.1. Copies of the reports referred to below are contained in the minute book.

19 CHARGING FOR CARE AND SUPPORT POLICY

19.1. The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Adult Social Care and Health which sought approval of the policy for Charging for Care and Support.

Decision

19.2. RESOLVED to approve the policy for Charging for Care and Support from 1 April 2015.

Reason

19.3. The Care Act 2014 replaces previous guidance around charging for care and support. The revised policy has been produced to ensure that the Council is compliant with the Care Act and it replaces the current Fairer Contributions Policy. The Care Act removes the statutory ability to charge for residential care. However, short and long term residential care continues to fall within the scope of the revised East Sussex policy, as it is not financially viable for the Council to cease charging for this support.

20 DEFERRED PAYMENT SCHEME POLICY

20.1. The Lead Member considered a report by the Director of Adult Social Care and Health which sought approval of the policy for the Deferred Payment Scheme.

Decision

20.2. RESOLVED to approve the policy for the Deferred Payment Scheme from 1 April 2015.

Reason

20.3. The Care Act 2014 introduces a mandatory framework for local authorities to provide Deferred Payment Agreements to individuals, and it proposes a number of discretionary elements for authorities to consider. This policy sets out how the Council will operate a deferred payment scheme under both requirements of the Care Act.