



# HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DECISION RECORD

Department:	Adult and Community Based Services
Division:	Adult Social Care
Date of Decision:	14 April 2020
Officer Making Decision:	Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, Chair of the Adult and Community Based Services Committee and Chief Solicitor and Monitoring Officer.
Subject / Description & Reason for Decision:	<p>The following decision was taken due to the cancellation/postponement of meetings and in accordance with the National guidance/legislation in relation to Covid 19.</p> <p>Decision to offer a COVID19 premium to providers of home care and care home services for older people to recognise the additional costs providers are facing related to purchasing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), managing staff sickness and other associated increased costs.</p> <p>The Council has a duty under the Care Act 2014 to ensure the sustainability of the local care market and guidance has been issued stating that Local Authorities need to adjust fees to recognise these additional costs.</p> <p>The decision allows for a COVID19 premium to be paid. An initial communication to providers will offer a premium, with providers asked to feed back if they incur additional costs over and above this. The premium will initially be offered for four weeks and is subject to review.</p>
Type of Decision:	Key Decision
Nature of Delegation Being Exercised:	Constitution Reference – CE15 – urgent decisions normally reserved to a Committee.

Alternative Options  
Considered &  
Rejected:

No other viable options available for consideration. The guidance is clear that fees should be adjusted to recognise additional costs incurred by providers and the Care Act places a duty on the Council to manage and sustain the local care market.

Discussions via NE ADASS, regional Chief Finance Officers and regional Chief Executives all supported an approach of offering a premium.

Any Declared  
Register of Interest

No  
If Yes, specify:

Signatures for retained copy only

Chief Executive - Gill Alexander

Decision made in consultation with:

Leader of the Council - Cllr Shane Moore

Chair of Adult and Community Based Services – ~~Cllr Sue Little~~

Chief Solicitor and Monitoring Officer – Hayley Martin