
MEETING	DECISION SESSION - EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HEALTH & ADULT SOCIAL SERVICES
DATE	21 DECEMBER 2010
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS MORLEY (EXECUTIVE MEMBER)

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Executive Member was invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests he might have in the business on the agenda. He declared he had none.

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - DECISION SESSION

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

11. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes from the last meeting of the Decision session for Health and Adult Social Services, held on 23 November 2010 be approved as a correct record.

12. COURT OF PROTECTION

The Executive Member considered a report that presented the option to implement the prescribed fixed costs for administering Court of Protection cases as set out in the Court of Protection rules 2007.

Officers gave an update and confirmed that the Council had for many years administered Court of Protection cases without claiming the fixed amount of remuneration to which it is entitled and after consultation with the Association of Public Authority Deputies, officers stated that other Local Authorities do charge in line with the fees set out by the Court of Protection.

In answer to the Executive Members questions officers confirmed:

- the Council only takes the role of deputy if no other person was able or willing to do so or it was in the interest of the customer.
- that cases were increasing and currently 8 cases were been managed and a further 8 were to be transferred from Legal.
- that a waiver of costs would only be issued under exceptional circumstances which would be agreed by the Assistant Director.

RESOLVED: That the appropriate Court of Protection Fixed Costs pertaining to local authorities who act as Deputies be applied. The current rates are set out at Table A and Annex 1 of this report.

Reason: To remove the expense of providing this service from the councils budget.

13. OLDER PEOPLE'S COMMISSIONING STRATEGY - 2010 REFRESH AND COMMISSIONING PLAN

The Executive Member considered a report that sought his agreement to a refreshed commissioning strategy for older people and to a new three year commissioning plan based on this refresh.

Officers gave an update and confirmed that consultation had not been consider formally at the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee but each Member had been informed and the Older Peoples Partnership Board had also been consulted.

RESOLVED: That option 1 be adopted:

To approve the refresh of the commissioning strategy and the updated commissioning plan.

Reason: To ensure we can better meet the needs of our population and provide services more efficiently and effectively.

Cllr Morley, Executive Member

[The meeting started at 3.45 pm and finished at 3.55 pm].