



PUBLICATION OF DECISION LIST NUMBER 76/19-20

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2019/20

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This document lists the Decisions that have been taken by the Council, which require publication in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000. The list covers Key, Non-Key, Council and Urgent Decisions. The list specifies those decisions, which are eligible for call-in and the date by which they must be called-in.

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If you have any queries or wish to obtain further report information or information on a decision, please refer to:

– Claire Johnson (ext.1154)

Phone 020 8132 then extension number indicated

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1/76/19-20	Leader of the Council (Cllr Nesil Caliskan)	22 April 2020	Part 1	Delaying the Implementation of the Annual Adult Social (ASC) Care Financial Reassessment Process	Key Decision KD: 5148	All	No (Rule 16 Decision)	1

DECISIONS

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LIST REFERENCE: 1/76/19-20

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:							
DELAYING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ANNUAL ADULT SOCIAL CARE FINANCIAL REASSESSMENT PROCESS							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date Decision comes into effect	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1	All	Leader of the Council (Cllr Nesil Caliskan)	22 April 2020	None	Key KD: 5148	Fay Hammond 020 8379 2662 Fay.Hammond@enfield.gov.uk Bindi Nagra 020 8379 5298 Bindi.nagra@enfield.gov.uk	No (Rule 16 Urgent Decision)
DECISION							
AGREED:							
1. To delay the implementation of the annual Adult Social Care financial reassessment process by three months, from 6 April 2020 to 6 July 2020.							
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED							
Not applicable							
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS							
Not applicable							
BACKGROUND							
Please note that as this as an urgent decision related to the Coronavirus situation there is no report. Further details under section 2 of this list. See below.							

SECTION 2: Notice of forthcoming Key Decisions for which it has not been possible to provide notice

This section lists the Key Decisions that are proposed to be taken by the Council, which require publication in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000. The decisions listed are those for which it has not been possible to provide 28 days' notice and need to comply with the Council's urgency procedure. There are two routes that can be followed in this instance to enable a decision to be taken.

1. Rule 15 – General Exceptions

This procedure is used in cases when:

- it is not possible to provide the required 28 days' notice of a key decision; but
- it is possible to provide a minimum of 5 working days' notice prior to the decision being taken;

2. Rule 16 – Special Urgency

This procedure should only be used in exceptional circumstances where it is not possible to:

- provide the required 28 days' notice prior of a key decision; and
- provide a minimum of 5 working days' notice prior to the decision needing to be taken;

These decisions will not be eligible for call-in.

If you have any queries or wish to obtain further report information or information on a decision please refer to: Claire Johnson 020 8379 4239

**COVID-19 – KEY DECISIONS – RULE 16
NON-APPLICATION OF KEY DECISION REQUIREMENTS**

Details of Decision

No	Date Decision Planned	Decision Maker	Proposed Decision	Ward/s	Contact
1	1.4.2020	Leader	<p>Gold Decision Request</p> <p>To delay the implementation of the annual ASC financial reassessment process by three months, from 6 April 2020 to 6 July 2020.</p> <p>Background</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Residents in receipt of care are expected to contribute towards the cost of their care and are subject to a financial assessment to see how much they can contribute. Every year fees and charges and benefit rates are annually updated. In line with agreed fees and charges increases and government benefit changes 2. There are approximately 4,000-5,000 residents who would have their fees and charges (and where financially assessed their benefit rates) reviewed and would receive a revised invoice or a direct payment notification. Many of these will be in self-isolation and may have had an interruption to their care. It is likely that we will get requests for changes to their financial charges as a result despite the fact that the Council has continued to pay providers on 100% of commissioned care arrangements. This may result in a further loss of income to the Council. 	All	Fay Hammond/Bindi Nagra

Reasons for Urgency

1 Reasons for Request

1. IT staff (approximately 4) involved in this to focus on other IT priorities related to Covid19:
 - Releases for business rates and re billing (we need to rebill every business)
 - Set up the new Business Grant Scheme for Covid19 required to pay businesses as soon as possible
 - Releases for changes in Housing Benefit and recalculating re Covid19 (LHA rates to be increased and an increase in Working Tax Credit to apply a disregard)
 - Automation of UC notifications for Benefits to deal with the volumes expected (this process is currently not automated, this needs to be urgently automated in order to deal with the significant increase expected in UC impacting on rent and CT support)
2. Further, there is potential reputational concern sending out 4,000 to 5,000 invoices and direct payment notices to residents at a time of crisis, many of whom may be self-isolating.
3. In addition, the ASC assessment requires the team to call on the capacity of other teams, which this decision would alleviate:
 - The ASC Financial Assessment team – would need to clear exceptions as part of the process. At the moment the team is focusing on keeping the existing demand for new Financial Assessments, which now need to be done on phone, and IT access issues have made this difficult.
 - Brokerage – getting a revised invoice or direct payment notification may prompt care users to query changes in packages when care not provided (increasing when may not always be getting the same service).
 - Data team – needed to provide files – working on other important areas
 - Print room – reduced service.
4. In addition, the council is required by Care Act 2014 charging regulations to charge self-funding clients in residential care the full cost of their service. The Financial Assessment team would therefore communicate with all affected service users or their representatives, to ensure that notification of any increase in charges dating back to April is given and that provision for this should be made.

Cost: £132k estimated lost income

Background Papers

1	Communications proposed by Doug Wilson in Adult Social Care The message for people who are beginning to enquire about their contributions should be as follows: Services are being prioritised for the most vulnerable and the Council continues to pay providers in order to ensure they can continue to support our most vulnerable people. This may involve some changes in the type of support people receive and we are appreciative of people's understanding at this difficult time. The Council is also freezing charges at 2019/20 rates for the first three months of the year 2020/21. The Council will only consider removing charges where, for example, families have come forward and are assuming entire responsibility for caring arrangements.	Fay Hammond	Executive Director – Resources
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Approved by Strategic Command Group on: 31 March 2020

Approved in principle by the Decision Maker on: 31 March 2020

Approved by the Monitoring Officer on: 31 March 2020

Approved by the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee on: 22 April 2020