

**DECISION TAKEN BY OFFICER UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE LOCAL  
AUTHORITIES EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENT REGULATIONS 2012**

**Officer:** David Vitty & Adam Richens

**Service Unit:** Adult Social Care- Services

**Date of Decision:** 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015

**Title:** Adult Social Care Fairer Contributions Mitigation (Waivers)

**Decision(s) Taken:**

Following the revision to the Fairer Contribution Policy for Adult Social Care in February 2015, clients may (in June 2015) be required to pay more towards their care services.

In order to assist these clients with the adjustment to a larger weekly payment, a schedule of waivers has been agreed:

<b>Number of People</b>	<b>Additional Contribution</b>	<b>Waiver</b>	<b>Other measure</b>
9	Over £100pw	25% for 3 months	Home visits where necessary Additional waiver in exceptional circumstances causing hardship (to be agreed by David Vitty and notified to Adam Richens)
260	Between £20 and £50pw	25% for 4 weeks	Home visits where necessary Additional waiver in exceptional circumstances causing hardship (to be agreed by David Vitty and notified to Adam Richens)
110	Between £50 and £100pw	25% for 8 weeks	Home visits where necessary Additional waiver in exceptional circumstances causing hardship (to be agreed by David Vitty and notified to Adam Richens)

The exception to this arrangement is any client who is asked to contribute more because their own personal income has increased. These waivers only apply where the increased contribution is as a direct impact of the policy change.

**Threshold Trigger:** (please delete as required and give background)

(i) **Decision taken in consultation with the Portfolio Holder**

- (ii) **Decisions having a substantive effect on the provision of local services, e.g. fees/charges**
- (iii) **Decisions taken after public consultation**
- (iv) **Decisions taken after Cabinet consideration or specifically delegated to an Officer**

**Reason for the Decision:**

It has been recognised throughout the process of consulting and revising the policy that mitigation may be needed for those most affected. Without mitigation, there is a risk that some clients may choose to end essential services which help to keep them safe and independent or will fail to manage the financial transition and face hardship.

**Declaration of Interest(s), to include:**

(Record of any conflict of interest declared by any Officer consulted by the Decision Maker and/or a note of any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service relating to the Decision).

**None**

**Report/Information Considered:**

Documentation from Fairer Contributions project.

**Alternatives Considered:**

To not apply mitigation could be seen as unreasonable and open Borough of Poole to challenge and reputational damage.

**Budget Implications:**

The financial implication is being determined; however income from this policy change is substantially higher than expected and will offset the cost of implementing short term waivers.

**Signed:**

**Head of Adult Social Care - Services**

**Dated:** 15 June 2015

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