

**APPENDIX 4(a)**

<b>DECISION / OUTCOME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>CABINET MEMBER</b>
<b>Item Title</b>				
<p><b>ADULT SOCIAL CARE CHARGING POLICY</b></p> <p>The Executive agreed the recommendation as outlined above namely:</p> <p>1. To approve the updated policy attached at Appendix 3a including changes which set out the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The use of streamlined processes through lighter-touch assessments in all instances where finances can be verified through secure access to Department of Work and Pensions and HMRC online systems.</li><li>• A revision to the client notice period from 14 to 7 days for suspended or cancelled care visits in line with care at home provider contractual requirements.</li><li>• The introduction of a reconciliation process to ensure contributions to the cost of care do not exceed the cost to the Council.</li></ul>	<p>The report seeks approval for an updated version of the Adult Social Care charging policy. Proposed changes are highlighted in the recommendations below and are to keep the policy in line with associated central government guidance and also to respond to a Local Government Ombudsman adjudication relating to how the Council charges for homecare services.</p>	<p>EX33/2023</p>	<p>11 September 2023</p>	<p>Councillor Neal Brookes, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care</p>