

<b>CONSENT TO URGENT DECISION</b>	<b>PART 1</b> (to be completed by the person seeking consent)	
<b>Proposed Decision Maker</b> <i>(please name person or body proposing to take decision, if an officer also state title)</i>	<b>Date for Decision</b>	
Councillor Les Caborn  Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health	6 July 2020	
<b>Title</b>  Changes to the Warwickshire County Council Adult Social Care Charging Policy for the financial year (2020/21)		
<b>Summary of matter</b>		
<p>Anyone in receipt of adult social care is offered a financial assessment to calculate how much they can afford to pay towards the cost of their care.</p> <p>The standard rate for universal credit and tax credits have both been increased by £20 a week for the year from 6 April 2020. This means that someone getting the maximum universal credit will have a £20 increase.</p> <p>That increase will adversely affect social care users by increasing the amount that they were assessed to pay at a time when such an increase is particularly difficult for them. Social care users will thus lose out on the intended benefit of the universal credit increase introduced by government to provide extra support to vulnerable groups during the pandemic period</p> <p>An amendment to the policy assessment framework is required to enable the additional universal credit income to be discounted. Such decision is a matter for the Portfolio Holder under delegations to “approve charges for services or change the charges for services”.</p>		
<b>Proposed Decision</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Warwickshire amend its approach under section 3 of the Adult Social Care Charging Policy for this financial year (2020/21) so as to discount temporary uplifts in Universal Credit granted by the government in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.</li> <li>2. That the Strategic Director for Resources and Strategic Director for People have delegated authority to undertake all necessary steps to give effect to the decision.</li> </ol>		
<b>Reasons for urgency</b>		
<p>The report is considered urgent due to the financial impact on service users during the covid-19 pandemic and the fact that assessments are currently being undertaken to which this assessment criterion is relevant.</p> <p>It is not considered practicable to comply with SO16 and 17 in these circumstances.</p>		
<b>Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?</b> <i>[please identify relevant plan/budget provision]</i>		

No

**PART 2** (to be completed by the person giving consent)

<b>Name</b>	Councillor Wallace Redford
<b>Office Held</b>	Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

*Signed*



**Date consent is given**

6 July 2020