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| Subject: | Notice of Motion – Care Home and Top Up Fees |
| Date: | 28th June, 2022 |
| Reporting Officer: | John Walsh, Chief Executive |
| Contact Officer: | Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer |

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| Restricted Reports | |
| Is this report restricted? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted? | |
| After Committee Decision | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| After Council Decision | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sometime in the future | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Never | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| Call-in | |
| Is the decision eligible for Call-in? | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues |
| 1.1 | To consider the Notice of Motion received for the meeting of the Council on 4th July in relation to Care Home and Top Up Fees. |
| 2.0 | Recommendation |
| 2.1 | The Committee is asked to consider the motion and agree to either adopt the motion, refer it for debate at the Council meeting (with or without restrictions) or reject the motion. |

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| 3.0 | Main Report |
| 3.1 | <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The Committee will be aware Standing Orders 13 (m) to (r) as agreed by the Council at its meeting on 4th October is as follows:</p> |
| 3.2 | <p>(m) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will have delegated authority to adopt or reject Notices of Motion. The Lord Mayor will indicate at the Council meeting those Notices of Motion that have been considered by the Standards and Business Committee and whether such Notices of Motion were rejected or adopted. In either case, the proposer only may speak on the issue at Council.</i></p> <p>(n) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer all Notices of Motion directly to a standing committee when the matter to which the Notice of Motion refers falls within the remit of that committee. At Council, the Lord Mayor will indicate that the Notice of Motion was received and referred. There will be no speakers on such Notices of Motion at Council.</i></p> <p>(o) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will refer Notices of Motion for consideration by full Council when the Notice of Motion relates to a strategic or constitutional matter.</i></p> <p>(p) <i>The Standards and Business Committee will not have the power to amend the wording of any Notice of Motion that is being referred to the full Council for debate.</i></p> <p>(q) <i>Any amendments to Notice of Motions to be proposed at the Council are to be furnished at least one day in advance of going to the full Council and will be circulated to Party Group Leaders in advance of the Council meeting.</i></p> <p>(r) <i>In referring any matter to the full Council, the Standards and Business Committee may determine to restrict contributions to the debate in relation to any Notice of Motion to one per political party. At the Council meeting, the Lord Mayor will clearly indicate if the restriction applies.</i></p> |
| 3.3 | <p>The following motion has been received:</p> <p><u>Care Home and Top Up Fees</u></p> <p>“This Council notes that Residential Care of Older People is a statutory function of the Department of Health and delivered through a number of private Care Home companies.</p> <p>The Council also notes that costs for standard care is paid from the budget of the Department of Health. Placement in a care home can be means tested and affecting savings and property owned by the resident. There are some cases where top up fees are introduced and paid for by either the resident and or family and introduces a second level of care based which profits the residential care home company. Furthermore, these top fees vary from care home and company to company and is not always reflected in the level of care or the wages of staff employed in care homes.</p> <p>The care of our older people is important to society and accordingly this Council calls upon the Department of Health to investigate the top up costs charged by care homes.”</p> |

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| 3.4 | <p>Proposer: Councillor Heading</p> <p>Seconder: Councillor Lyons</p> <p>The motion calls upon the Department to investigate the top up costs charged by care homes– can be adopted by the Committee, referred to the Council for debate (with or without restrictions) or rejected.</p> <p><u>Financial and Resource Implications</u></p> <p>3.5 None associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>3.6 None.</p> |
| 4.0 | Documents Attached |
| | None. |