

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

DECISION RECORD

Re: 2020/21 Foster Carer Rates

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This form should be used to record:

- **EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an individual Executive MEMBER; and**
- **EXECUTIVE decisions (key or otherwise) taken by an OFFICER (either alone or in consultation with an Executive Member)**
- **A non-Executive decision taken by an OFFICER which falls into one of the following descriptions:-**
 - (i) under a specific express authorisation; or**
 - (ii) under a general authorisation to officers to take such decisions and, the effect of the decision is to**
 - **grant a permission or licence;**
 - **affect the rights of an individual; or**
 - **award a contract or incur expenditure which, in either case, materially affects that relevant local government body's financial position.**

(One form per decision)

The following decision has been taken: -

1. That the 2020/2021 Payment Rates for NYCC Foster Carers (including Family & Friends Foster Carers, Short Break and Specialist Short Break Carers and Staying Put arrangements) be increased by 1.4% (in line with the December 2019 rate of CPI) of the 2019/2020 Payment Rates.
2. That the Day Care rate of £6.57 per hour be increased to £6.98 per hour (to keep in line with 80% of the level of the National Living Wage being introduced in April 2020).

By whom: *Stuart Carlton, Corporate Director – Children and Young People's Service in consultation with County Councillor Janet Sanderson, Executive Member for Children's Services and Special Educational Needs*

On: 17 March 2020

Was this an executive decision?

YES

If an executive decision, was it also a key decision?

YES

Reasons for decision: -

The Council is a member of the national charity Fostering Network who, in recent years, has published their recommended Payment Rates for Foster Carers which North Yorkshire has

always adopted. Primarily due to the increasing differentials in housing costs across the country, the Fostering Network is no longer recommending Payment Rates and has instead issued guidance that allowances should be reviewed annually and adjusted to keep up with costs with at least the annual rate of inflation being applied. The Fostering Network does not indicate which would be their recommended or preferred measure of inflation.

Since December 2015 North Yorkshire has increased fostering payments by the rate of CPI each December.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected: -

None

Conflicts of Interest

Please record below details of any conflict of interest declared by a Member or Officer regarding the decision and any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee or Monitoring Officer in respect of that conflict.

Conflict	Dispensation?

Background Papers

Please attach to this decision notice, for publication, the background papers that disclose any facts or matters on which this decision, or an important part of the decision, was based and which were relied on to a material extent in making the decision, but this does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in Rule 10).

Signed
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Publication Date: 17 March 2020

Stuart Carlton
Corporate Director – Children and Young
People’s Service

Directorate: Children and Young People’s
Service

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This decision will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 5 clear working days after publication, unless any 6 members of the Council object to it and call it in by notice in writing (including e-mail) to The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services).

Note 2: non-executive and non-key executive decisions by Officers are not subject to call in.

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