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## **Re: Consultation on proposal for amendment to the Adult Social Care Community Services Charging Policy**

The Council would like to thank the many local people and representatives who participated in the consultation process for proposed changes to the 2017/18 Adult Social Care Community Services Charging Policy. Feedback was received through a wide range of different methods, ranging from consultation forms (posted back to the Council), emails, letters and face to face meetings with representatives from the Council.

The Council has listened to the views expressed throughout the consultation process and, having considered the strength and breadth of the views expressed, has decided that the recommended changes proposed to the charging policy for 2017/18 will now not be considered.

The Council is required to meet the growing demand for services from adults and older people and, with insufficient funding from central government, this has necessitated very many difficult decisions for the Council. A significant budget gap remains between the amount of money needed to fund services and the amount of money the Council receives to fund those services. In that context it is important that we take a longer and more in depth look at how best to ensure fairness in our charging policies and in the use and allocation of resources in future years.

The Council is committed to working with local people to deliver the best possible care and support for our most vulnerable people and to being

completely open and transparent about the money we spend on delivering that care and support. We will be exploring ways of engaging with stakeholders in order to review the way we manage the financial assessment process and to consider how best to deliver savings within Adult Social Care over the next financial year and beyond.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alev Cazimoglu', written in a cursive style.

Councillor Alev Cazimoglu,

Cabinet Member,

Adult Social Care

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