

## **Glasgow purchased services and direct payments uplift 2025/26 approved – Declaration of interest.**

**4** Councillor Cunningham, City Convener for Health, Care & Caring and Older People, presented a report regarding the uplift for providers of Glasgow purchased services and direct payments for 2026/27, advising that

- (1) that as part of the Scottish budget for 2026/27, the First Minister had announced that a pay uplift for Social Care workers would be delivered from April 2026;
- (2) that £180m of funding had been made available for Local Government to support the delivery of an increased minimum hourly rate from £12.60 to £13.45 per hour for workers providing direct social care within purchased services and those funded from direct payments;
- (3) that it had been proposed to increase eligible Social Care Providers in Glasgow's purchased services by a 6.75% uplift to workforce costs within contract values, that the uplift would also be applied to direct payments where service users either purchase care directly from providers, or employ personal assistants, however excluded any providers under a Scotland Excel framework as these were managed within Scotland Excel contractual terms; and
- (4) of the national weighting and net uplift to the overall contract once the pay increase had been applied for both adult and children's services, as detailed in the report.

After consideration, the committee

- (a) approved, with effect from 6th April 2026, a 6.75% uplift to eligible providers of purchased services within Glasgow and Self Directed Support Option 1 (Direct Payments) for workforce costs within contract values; and
- (b) noted that this would be subject to providers who are not in the new Flexible Framework confirming that they would pay staff providing direct care at least £13.45 per hour from 6th April 2026.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Councillor McDougall declared an interest in this item of business and left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.