

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cabinet

Date of Meeting:	3 rd March 2015
Report of:	Director of Adult Social Care and Independent Living, Brenda Smith
Subject/Title:	Notice of Motion – UNISON’s Ethical Care Charter
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Janet Clowes, Care and Health in the Community

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The Following Notice of Motion, proposed by Councillor Dorothy Flude and seconded by Councillor Laura Jeuda, was submitted to Council at its meeting of 11th December 2014, and was referred to Cabinet.

“That the Council consider signing up to UNISON’s Charter, and becoming an Ethical Care Council; and that Cheshire East Borough Council pledge to commission care only from providers who:

- *Give workers the freedom to provide appropriate care and be given the time to talk to their clients.*
- *Allocate clients the same homecare worker(s) wherever possible.*
- *Do not use zero hour contracts.*
- *Pay the Living Wage.*
- *Match the time allocated to visits to the particular needs of the client. In general, 15-minute visits will not be used as they undermine the dignity of the clients.*
- *Pay homecare workers for their travel time, their travel costs and other necessary expenses such as mobile phone use.*
- *Schedule visits so that homecare workers are not forced to rush their time with clients or leave their clients early to get to the next one on time.”*

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 Cabinet is requested to consider the above motion.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 In order to comply with the requirements of the Council’s Constitution and the wishes of Council.

4.0 Wards Affected

4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

5.1 All

6.0 Policy Implications

6.1 None

7.0 Implications for Rural Communities

7.1 None

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 None

9.0 Legal Implications

9.1 None identified

10.0 Risk Management

10.1 None identified

11.0 Background

11.1 On 11th December 2014, Councillor Dorothy Flude proposed, and Councillor Laura Jeuda, seconded the motion set out at paragraph 1.1 of this report. Council referred the motion to Cabinet.

11.2 A summary of the Charter is attached as Appendix 1.

11.3 Cabinet must now decide upon how it wishes to respond to the motion.

12.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

Name: Lynn Glendenning
Designation: Commissioning Manager
Tel No: 01625 432783
Email: lynn.glendenning@cheshireeast.gov.uk