

Comments from Mr Andrew Innes CC

Cabinet Meeting 15 July 2025

Agenda Item 11 - Home Care for Leicestershire Procurement

Despite my numerous interventions I see that the proposal is still to issue out the expected rates per hour. This will not allow any movement downwards of prices.

I asked at the Scrutiny committee about the reasons for the rapid increase in costs (taking out the growth in the usage). I suggest that the cabinet are given a detailed breakdown of the cost per hour since 2020 showing the increase per hour over the intervening period. Alongside it would be good to see the reasons for the increase per hour.

My concern is that our suppliers are comfortable with the rates, comfortable with the lack of direct quality control, the lack of monitoring of actual hours attended, and comfortable with the proposed length of the contract... (8 Years but with Breaks)

I have now had 3 meetings to discuss this and yet there appears to be very little movement from the original proposal. Care companies are in a very privileged position, and we need to make sure that they are viable, offer good quality, reliable and honest, but not at any cost. I see many care owners are quite wealthy individuals, and I do not have any objection to this, but I don't want then to become wealthy on the back of local taxpayers. This is not a dig, just an observation.

Many thanks

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