

**Delayed Office Opening  
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**Review of Contributions Policy – Non-Residential Care and Support Services**

You will be aware that over the last year we have been undertaking a review of our Contributions Policy for Non-Residential Care and Support Services. This was paused for a short while during the initial stages of Covid Pandemic.

Whilst restarted last summer, the pandemic continues to have a sustained impact on the capacity of officers to bring the review to conclusion. Our most recent work to support the Covid Vaccination Programme is having a particular impact on capacity.

For this reason, the decision was taken by Perth & Kinross Council at its meeting on 10 March 2021 to defer implementation of the review until April 2022. We fully appreciate the uncertainty that this creates.

I need to also acknowledge that further uncertainty arises from the recently published Independent Review of Adult Social Care which recommends abolition of charging for Non-Residential Care Services. These recommendations, whilst accepted in full by the Scottish Parliament will not be considered again for potential implementation until after the May Scottish Parliamentary Elections.

I will be in touch with you again to provide a further update once the Council have considered all matters further. In the meantime should you have any concerns then please do not hesitate to contact Colin Barnett, Senior Financial Assessment Officer on 01738 476914. Alternatively, you can email [HCCAssessment&Charging@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:HCCAssessment&Charging@pkc.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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