



## **GMB ethical care charter backed by Leeds Council**

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### **Endorsement sends message to carers they are valued, says GMB Union**

GMB's Ethical Care Charter has been officially endorsed by Leeds City Council

The GMB's Ethical Home Care Commissioning Charter 2021 asks local authorities and other public bodies involved in the delivery of home care to accept and commit to a series of principles, aims and objectives. Leeds City Council endorses these as a direction of travel dependent on adequate government funding of social care.

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Leeds City Council has agreed to implement the standards agreed, including enhanced pay rates and payment for travel time and holidays.

**Peter Davies, GMB Senior Organiser, said:**




“This is excellent news and as one of the two largest authorities in the region it sends a really important message to carers about the need to value them and how we are determined to improve and develop the lifesaving services they provide.

“Our home care members will appreciate this and we will work with the council and our MPs to get more government resources into the sector so that we can meet the aims of this new charter.”

**Cllr James Lewis, Leader of Leeds City Council and Cllr Fiona Venner, Executive Member for Adult & Children’s Social Care and Health Partnerships, said:**

“We are endorsing the GMB’s Ethical Home Care Commissioning Charter 2021 in principle.

“We call on the government to bring forward their plans to reform social care and set out a comprehensive funding plan.

 **We acknowledge the serious issues home care faces and endorse the principles, aims and objectives of the GMB’s charter.**

**Cllr James Lewis and Cllr Fiona Venner**

“There is an urgent need for local authorities to be adequately funded to provide their citizens with the care they need; and to ensure home care workers can be properly recognised for the essential frontline service they provide.

“Adult social care has been vital during the pandemic and helped to support the massive effort by the NHS.

“The Council will continue to work with GMB and other unions involved in the provision of care. We acknowledge the serious issues home care faces and endorse the principles, aims and objectives of the GMB’s charter.”