

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCILCABINET29 November 2018Report by Chief Officer – Health and Social Care PartnershipHEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP - CHARGING FOR SERVICES**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To update Cabinet on the proposed charges within the HSCP for financial year 2019/20.

RECOMMENDATION

2. The Cabinet is asked to:

- (a) Note this update on charging within the HSCP;
- (b) Agree the proposed increase to existing charges; and
- (c) Agree that the Chief Officer/Chief Financial Officer have authority to set the contribution level for the new approach to calculating individual budgets and to approve the charging policy for the HSCP.

BACKGROUND

3. This report is produced annually and identifies the proposed charging increases for 2018/19.

REPORT

4. The current income position for charged for services is:

Service	2018/19 Charge	Income Budget	Benchmark Charge
	£	£	£
Care at Home (per hour)	13.65	25,000	12.80 – 16.46
Community Alarms (per week)	2.30	193,000	2.50 – 3.41
Meals / Lunch Clubs	4.40-4.60	32,000	2.62 – 2.73
Day care Charges to Other Local Authorities (per day)	109.90	54,000	58.09 – 127.45
Blue Badges (per application)	20.00	34,000	20.00
Bonnyton Residential Care (per week)	623.69	417,000	686.00 – 936.88
Inclusive Support Holiday Programme (per day for 14 days per year)	20.00	6,500	30 – 45 (plus fees)
Property Rental		20,000	N/A
Total		781,500	

5. The HSCP is currently testing and about to consult on our new approach to calculating individual budgets. The approach is based on the right amount of support at the right time,

recognises community assets and the importance of prevention. The calculator operates on the principle of:

- Need + £ / Resource
- Wellbeing + £ / Resource
- Current Support - £ / Resource

6. Once the cost of the care plan is confirmed, allowing identification of personal care and carers aspects (non-chargeable) then a % (tbc) will be deducted at source with the net amount being the HSCP contribution to the cost of care. The ability of any individual to meet their contribution towards the total care plan cost will be subject to ability to pay, supported by appropriate financial assessments and benefits maximisation.

7. The Cabinet is asked to delegate the authority to confirm the % deductible to the Chief Officer/Chief Financial Officer in the first instance whilst the new approach is embedded. Thereafter this will be agreed annually as part of the setting of charges.

8. The HSCP is developing a comprehensive charging policy which will be finalised following the completion of the individual budget calculation exercise.

9. The Cabinet is asked to delegate approval of the charging policy to the Chief Officer/Chief Financial Officer.

10. The proposed treatment of each existing charge is set out below:

Service	2018/19 Charge	Proposed Change	2019/20 Proposed Charge
	£		£
Care at Home (per hour)	13.65	Include within Individual Budget	N/A
Community Alarms (per week)	2.30	Increase by £0.20 (8.7%)	2.50
Meals 2 courses	4.40	Increase by £0.15 (3.4%)	4.55
Meals 3 courses	4.60	Increase by £0.15 (3.3%)	4.75
Room Hire (per day)	6.20	Increase by £0.20 (3.2%)	6.40
Property Rental		Apply 3% to annual rental agreements	
Day care Charges to Other Local Authorities (per day)	109.90	Increase by £4.10 (3.7%)	114.00
Blue Badges (per application)	20.00	No change proposed	20.00
Bonnyton Residential Care (per week)	623.69	Increase by £94.31 (15%)	718.00
Inclusive Support Holiday Programme (per day)	20.00	Increase by £15 (75%)	35.00

11. The rationale for each proposed change in fee is:

12. Care at Home: personal care for adults is no longer chargeable from 2019/20 as a result of a change in legislation. The vast majority of care provided in the service relates to personal care. Where a care package may include aspects other than personal care the individual's contribution towards this will be identified through the individual budget calculation.

13. Community Alarms: the proposed increase to the weekly charge is greater than inflation, however this recognises some increased contribution towards the cost of operating the service. The proposed fee remains well below the benchmarked cost for neighbouring HSCPs.

14. Bonnyton House: the proposed increase reflects the previous decisions to retain and operate Bonnyton House. Many of the residents and families are aware of the proposed fee and we will ensure those more recent residents to the service are fully advised.

15. Inclusive Support Holiday Programme: whilst this increase appears significant at a headline rate it is supported by a service redesign. The fee has remained unchanged since 2006. The service operates over 14 days per year (2 days per week over 14 weeks) so the maximum annual increase will be £210 over the year. Whilst some families may have to pay an increase for this service the revised policy will increase the number of those meeting the eligibility for a fee waiver. Financial assessments will be offered to all families who use the programme and this will ensure access to income maximisation.

16. The rest of the proposed charges are based on a 3% increase, rounded up or down to the nearest £0.05.

FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY

17. All financial issues are included in the report above.

CONSULTATION

18. We will undertake an equalities impact assessment as part of the Individual Budget proposals.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

19. The setting of fees and charges remains a responsibility of East Renfrewshire Council under the legislation.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS

Staffing

20. There are no staffing implications.

Property

21. There are no property implications.

Legal

22. There are no legal implications from the proposed increase for 2019/20. Legal advice will be sought, as required, for the implementation of the new approach to Individual budget allocation.

IT

23. There are no IT implications.

Equalities

24. A full equalities impact assessment will be undertaken as set detailed above.

Sustainability

25. There are no sustainability issues.

CONCLUSIONS

26. The proposed increases to existing charges are either in line with inflation or supported by service requirements. The HSCP is currently completing testing on our new approach to setting individual budgets, with full consultation and an equalities impact assessment

RECOMMENDATIONS

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

IJB 27.06.2018 - Individual Budgets Self Directed Support Update
<http://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=22619&p=0>

CABINET 30.11.2017 - HSCP Charging for Services
<http://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=21429&p=0>