

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCILCABINET25 November 2021Report by Chief Officer – Health and Social Care PartnershipHEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP - CHARGING FOR SERVICES 2022/23**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To update Cabinet on the proposed charges within the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) for financial year 2022/23.

RECOMMENDATION

2. The Cabinet is asked to:
- (a) Note this update on charging within the HSCP; and
 - (b) Agree the proposed increase to existing charges.

BACKGROUND

3. This report is produced annually and identifies the proposed charging increases for 2022/23. The legislation supporting the integration of health and social care determines that the authority and approval for setting charges for social care remains with the Council, this function was not delegated to the Integration Joint Board.

4. The Integration Joint Board received this charging report at its meeting on 22nd September and agreed to remit the 2022/23 charging increases to Cabinet for approval.

REPORT

5. The standard rate of inflation at 3.7% is the basis of increase to the existing charges within the HSCP. As with prior years this has been rounded up or down to the nearest £0.05. The proposed treatment of each existing charge is set out below:

Service	2021/22 Charge	Proposed Change	2022/23 Proposed Charge
	£		£
Community Alarms (per week)	2.65	Increase by £0.10 (3.8%)	2.75
Meals 2 courses	4.70	Increase by £0.20 (4.3%)	4.90
Meals 3 courses	4.90	Increase by £0.20 (4%)	5.10
Room Hire (per day)	6.70	Increase by £0.20 (3%)	6.90
Day care Charges to Other Local Authorities (per day)	118.10	Increase by £4.40 (3.7%)	122.50
Blue Badges (per application)	20.00	No change proposed	20.00
Bonnyton Residential Care (per week)	750.70	Increase by £27.8 (3.7%)	778.50
Inclusive Support Holiday Programme (per day)	36.60	Increase by £1.40 (3.8%)	38.00

6. The proposed contribution level for Individual Budgets was previously agreed at 5% of the chargeable element of the budget. Where an individual budget is in place the contribution will supersede any charge for individual aspects of a care package listed above. This has not yet been implemented, the review of the Individual Budget calculator was postponed during the pandemic. The current National Care Service consultation may determine policy changes around non-residential charging.

7. The HSCP has a non-residential care charging policy in place to support the charges above.

FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY

8. All financial issues are included in the report above. The proposed charges, as set out in the table above, will generate a potential £31,400 income when the uplifts are applied to income budgets; in real terms the income achieved will depend on the service delivery and demand, particularly as we emerge from the pandemic.

9. The assessment of the contribution from the implementation of Individual Budgets was impacted by COVID-19 as was the work to review the calculator. This work has recently recommenced as part of the HSCP Recovery and Renewal programme.

CONSULTATION

10. A full consultation and equalities impact assessment were undertaken prior to implementation of the Individual Budget proposals.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

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

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS

12. A full equalities impact assessment was undertaken as part of the development of the Individual Budget implementation.

13. There are no implications in relation to staffing, property, legal, sustainability or IT implications

CONCLUSIONS

14. The proposed increases to existing charges are in line with inflation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

IJB 22.09.2021 – Charging for Services 2021/22

https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/media/5993/IJB-Item-12-22-September-2021/pdf/IJB_Item_12_-_22_September_2021.pdf?m=637668671039870000

CABINET 26.11.2020 - HSCP Charging for Services

https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/media/4321/Cabinet-item-3-ii-26-November-2020/pdf/Cabinet_Item_03ii_-_26_November_2020.pdf?m=637408859836370000

CABINET 28.11.2019 - HSCP Charging for Services

https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/media/2157/Cabinet-Item-03-v-28-November-2019/pdf/Cabinet_Item_03v_-_28_November_2019.pdf?m=637350899335870000

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