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**To:** Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee – 5 March 2021

**Subject:** **REVISION OF RATES PAYABLE AND CHARGES LEVIED FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICES IN 2021-2022**

**Classification:** Unrestricted

**Past Pathway of Paper:** Adult Social Care and Health Directorate Management Team – 27 January 2021

**Future Pathway of Paper:** None

**Summary:** This paper sets out the revised rates and charges for Adult Social Care Services for the forthcoming financial year.

**Recommendation:** The Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee is asked to **NOTE** the revisions to the rates payable and charges levied for adult social care services in 2021-2022.

## 1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report is produced annually and outlines the Directorate's revised rates payable and charges levied for the forthcoming financial year against Kent County Council (KCC) services provided in-house, along with any potential changes to the Directorates charging policy. It is proposed, however, that the rates may be reviewed during the year.
- 1.2 Rates payable and charges levied for *commissioned* services, or those which are laid down by Parliament are outside of the remit of this report.
- 1.3 All rates payable and charges levied for 2021-2022 are listed primarily to service users in one of the attached appendices and represent those published on the Kent.gov.uk website.
  - Appendix 1 lists the rates payable for Adults Social Care Services
  - Appendix 2 lists the charges levied which are general to the Directorate
- 1.4 The pay award for 2021-2022 was confirmed by Kent County Council on 11 February 2021 as 2.0%. **This report confirms that the rates payable for adult social care services will increase by either the pay award of 2.0% or**

**in line with Consumer Price Index (CPI) as at September 2020 which is 0.5%.**

- 1.5 The effective date, unless otherwise stated, for all changes to the rates payable for adult social care services will be the week beginning 12 April 2021, which coincides with the date of inflationary increases to client related benefits.
- 1.6 Rates charged to Other Local Authorities for the use of KCC Homes and Day Centres are not published within the rates payable and charges levied. The service will agree with finance what the full cost of each unit is, and this will be used as a basis to charge the full cost to Other Local Authorities.

## **2 Charges Levied and Rates Payable for Adult Social Care Services**

- 2.1 All rates payable and charges levied for 2021-2022 in respect of adult social care services are shown in Appendix 1. For ease of members' reference, the basis of their increase is shown throughout Section 2 of this report.

### **Client Contributions for Residential Care**

- 2.2 For those clients with the ability to meet the full cost of a placement in the County Council's own provision, the maximum contributions are as follows:

#### 2.2.1 Older People

**This rate will increase in line with the KCC Pay Award figure as at April 2021 which will be 2.0%.**

**The rate will be £522.29 for 2021-2022.**

#### 2.2.2 People with Learning Difficulties

**This rate will increase in line with the KCC Pay Award figure as at April 2021 which will be 2.0%.**

**The rate will be £711.99 for 2021-2022.**

### **Deferred Payments**

- 2.3 Information regarding the Deferred Payment scheme can be found on the Kent.gov.uk site: [Deferred Payments for Care and Support](#). The charges linked to Deferred Payments will be dealt with as follows:

#### 2.3.1 Interest to be applied

Interest will be calculated and compounded daily. For information the estimated rate to be applied is for 2021-2022 is 0.55% (gilt rate 0.4% plus 0.15%).

### 2.3.2 Administrative charge

Under section 35 of the Care Act and Regulation 10 of The Care and Support (Deferred Payment) Regulations, an amount for administration costs can be charged to people entering a Deferred Payment agreement. This amount can be added to the amount deferred or paid separately.

An exercise was completed for 2020-2021 to review and recalculate the various elements of the costs which resulted in an increase to the administration fee which was approved following the Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee on 4 March 2020.

**The administration fee for 2021-2022 has decreased due to changes to legal costs. The 2021-2022 fee also includes an uplift by a combination of the CPI and the cost of KCC's annual pay award amount.**

**The new rates will be:**

<b>Initial Fee</b>	<b>£341.79</b>
<b>Annual Fee</b>	<b>£222.00*</b>

*\* equates to £4.26 per week and is charged from the second year onward.*

**Clients with *existing* deferred payment agreements in place before April 2020 are to be transitioned to the new annual fee at £10 per year.**

**The transitional annual fee for these existing clients with deferred payment agreement prior to April 2020 will be:**

<b>Transitional Annual Fee:</b>	<b>£89.54**</b>
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*\*\* equates to £1.72 per week and is charged from the second year onward.*

### **Administration fee for self-funders – Non-Residential Care**

2.4 The charge by KCC includes the following, cost of raising an invoice, cost of paying a provider invoice and the cost of negotiating and arranging a care package.

**The annual arrangement fee will be increased in line with the KCC Pay Award figure as at April 2021 which will be 2.0%. The new charge will be £116.03 which equates to £2.22 per week.**

## **Better Homes Active Lives (PFI) Schemes**

2.5 Non-residential charging rules will also apply to these schemes. However, when working out the cost of the care and support, an additional cost will be added to the cost of any hours of care and support.

### 2.5.1 Extra-care schemes for older people

This is the cost of the 24-hour emergency cover available (for example if a person falls).

**The rate will be uplifted in line with CPI as at September 2020 which is 0.5%.**

**The rate will be £16.28 for 2021-2022.**

### 2.5.2 Schemes for people with learning difficulties

This is the cost of the sleeping night support service.

**The rate will be uplifted in line with CPI as at September 2020 which is 0.5%.**

**The rate will be £48.80 for 2021-2022.**

## **Blue Badges**

2.6 With effect from 1 April 1983, this charge was introduced to cover the administration of the application. The regulations governing the Blue Badge scheme give local authorities the discretion to charge a fee on the issue of a badge.

**This fee currently cannot exceed £10. As from 1 January 2012, KCC has charged £10 so it will remain the same.**

## **Day Care Charging for In-House Services**

2.7 A standard rate applies to in-house day care charges. People who have savings under £23,250 will be assessed to see if they are able to contribute to the cost of their day care.

**The standard rate for in-house day care will be increased in line with the KCC Pay Award figure as at April 2021 which will be 2.0%. The rates will be as shown in the table below for 2021-2022.**

Care Item	Unit	Revised Unit Charge
Learning Disability Standard - Day	Day	£41.30
Learning Disability Standard - Half Day	Session	£20.64
Learning Disability Enhanced - Day	Day	£92.99
Learning Disability Enhanced - Half Day	Session	£46.49
Learning Disability Specialist - Day	Day	£139.49
Learning Disability Specialist - Half Day	Session	£69.75
Older People - Day	Day	£33.82
Older People - Half Day	Session	£16.93
Physical Disability - Day	Day	£40.38
Physical Disability - Half Day	Session	£20.20
Older People with Mental Health Needs - Day	Day	£39.98

### **In House Homecare Rates**

2.8 These are the charges applied to services provided by Kent Enablement at Home (KEaH) after the initial period of enablement ends, in instances where external provision of homecare has not been obtained.

**The rate will be increased in line with the KCC Pay Award figure as at April 2021 which will be 2.0%. The rates for 2021-2022 are as follows:**

Care Item	Revised Unit Charge
Social (1/2 hour)	£8.63
Social (3/4 hour)	£11.52
Social (1 hour)	£14.94
Unsocial (1/2 hour)	£9.78
Unsocial (3/4 hour)	£12.94
Unsocial (1 hour)	£16.56

### **Meals Charges/Other Snacks - Local Authority (LA) Day Centres**

2.9 There are two meal charges: (i) meals (ii) meals and other snacks.

**The rate will be uplifted in line with CPI as at September 2020 which is 0.5%. The rates for 2021-2022 are as follows:**

Meal Charge	£4.25
Meals and other Snacks	£5.25

2.10 For refreshments a flat rate charge of £1 is to be applied.

### **Voluntary Drivers/Escort Mileage Rates**

2.11 The current rate is usually reviewed in line with the Chancellor of the Exchequer's annual budget announcement. This rate is currently set at 45p per mile.

### **Other Local Authority Charges for Review and Assessment of Adult Services**

2.12 Historically there was an Inter Authority Protocol in place in relation to Inter Authority charges. This hourly charge only applied to those local authorities who are signatories to the protocol.

**The rate will be increased in line with the KCC Pay Award figure as at April 2021 which will be 2.0%.**

**The hourly rate will be £78.47**

## **3. General Charges and Rates**

### **Consultancy**

3.1 Kent County Council Finance set the rates to be levied for:

- i) Middle Management (£89.28 per hour);
- ii) Senior Management (£165.50 per hour);
- iii) Director, when undertaking consultancy work (£267.83 per hour).

3.2 These rates will be uplifted in line with CPI as at September 2020 which is 0.5%

### **Publications**

3.3 In 2020-2021 the charge for key publications was uplifted in line with CPI. The charge for 2020-2021 was £13.84.

**The rate will be uplifted in line with CPI as at September 2020 which is 0.5%.**

**The rate for 2021-2022 will be £13.91.**

### **Home Support Fund**

3.4 In some instances (where extreme hardship can be evidenced) extra financial help is available from Kent County Council to top-up the help provided via Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG) which are administered by the District Councils. The DFG is currently subject to a means test. The loan from KCC is interest free but liable to be repaid in full, over a five-year period.

3.5 There is no change to these arrangements for 2021-2022.

#### 4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The table below shows the number of people impacted by the increases and amount of additional income expected to be received.

**It should be noted these figures are based on number of people impacted as at February 2021.**

	No. of People	Additional Income to KCC
Full Payers for in-house Residential Services	8	£4,271.54
OP Extra Care Clients	47	£196.06
LD Extra Care Clients	2	£23.99
Self-funders Admin Fee	464	£1,057.92
<b>Deferred Payments Annual Admin Fee:</b>		
New Agreements from April 2020	48	£204.00
Transition Fees	81	£810.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>£6,563.51</b>

#### 5. Recommendation

5.1 Recommendation: The Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee is asked to **NOTE** the revisions to the rates payable and charges levied for adult social care services in 2021-2022.

#### 6. Background Documents

None

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