

# KENT COUNTY COUNCIL - RECORD OF DECISION

## DECISION TAKEN BY

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## DECISION NO.

10/01554

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### Subject:

**PROPOSED REVISION OF RATES PAYABLE AND CHARGES LEVIED FOR ADULT SERVICES IN 2011-12**

### Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Older People's Services (including Public Health), I

- a) **NOTE** the timetable regarding the review of children's services rates & charges;
- b) **APPROVE** the increase to client contributions for residential care for Older People placed in our own homes;
- c) **APPROVE** the increase to client contributions for those with Learning Difficulties placed in our own homes;
- d) **APPROVE** upon the increase to client contributions for Meals Charges.
- e) **NOTE** the charging policy for Non Residential Adult Services and **APPROVE** the increases in the Better Homes Active Lives schemes;
- f) **NOTE** that the Voluntary Drivers mileage rate remain at the same level as 2010-11 rate;
- g) **NOTE** the revisions made to personal allowances and the Blue Badge charge which this Authority has no discretion to alter;
- h) **CONFIRM** the Inter Authority Protocol in place in relation to Inter Authority charging remains the same as in 10/11;
- i) **NOTE** the proposed increase to Gypsy & Traveller Site Rents;
- j) **NOTE** the rates for consultancy work and key publications.

### Any Interest Declared when the Decision was Taken

None

### Reason(s) for decision, including alternatives considered and any additional information

The proposed rates payable and charges levied are considered annually, with any revisions normally introduced at the start of each financial year.

The report is primarily focused on Adult Social Services and the rates and charges that are currently in place, although it does touch on Children's Social Services due to the impending restructure within the County Council.

The rates and charges payable for 2011/2012 will be introduced the week commencing 11 April 2011, in line with the benefits uplift date announced in the DWP News Release issued December 2010.

The report distinguishes between those rates and charges over which Members can exercise their discretion, and those which are laid down by Parliament.