

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – Proposed RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY

Graham Gibbens, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

DECISION NO.

15/00013

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Subject:

PROPOSED REVISION OF RATES PAYABLE AND CHARGES LEVIED FOR ADULTS SERVICES IN 2015-16

Decision:

In line with the recommendations in the report on the Proposed Revision of Rates Payable and Charges Levied for Adult Services in 2015-15, the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care will be asked to:

- 1) **AGREE** the proposed increase to the rates payable and charges levied for adult services in 2015-16 as detailed below:
 - i. Client Contributions for Residential Care – Older People. Increase to **£463.07** (in line with the CPI figure as at September 2014 of 1.58%).
 - ii. Client contributions for Residential Care – People with Learning Difficulties. Increase to **£631.26** (in line with the CPI figure as at September 2014 of 1.58%)
 - iii. Personal Expenses Allowance – Increase to **£24.90** per week.
 - iv. Wellbeing Charge – Better Homes Active Lives (PFI) Schemes. Extra-care schemes for Older People. The new rate for 2015-16 will be **£15.00**.
 - v. Wellbeing Charge – Better Homes Active Lives (PFI) Schemes. Schemes for People with Learning Difficulties. Increase to **£44.92** (in line with the CPI figure as at September 2014 of 1.58%).
 - vi. Notional Charges for Day Care. Increase as shown below (in line with the CPI figure as at September 2014 of 1.58%):

| Care Item | Unit | Proposed Unit Charge (notional cost) |
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| Learning Disability – day centre | Day | £37.64 |
| Learning Disability – Day Centre half day | Session | £18.82 |
| Older People – Day Centre | Day | £29.99 |
| Older People – Day Centre Half Day | Session | £15.00 |
| Physical Disability – Day Centre | Day | £35.80 |
| Physical Disability – Day Centre Half Day | Session | £17.90 |
| Older People with Mental Health Needs – Day Centre | Day | £35.45 |

- vii. Meal Charges – Local Authority Day Centres. Increase to **£3.90** (in line with the CPI figure as at September 2014 of 1.58%).

- viii. Meals and other snacks – Local Authority Day Centres. Increase to **£4.90** (in line with the CPI figure as at September 2014 of 1.58%).
- ix. Inter- Authority Charges - It is proposed to apply an hourly rate of **£67.74** which allows for the percentage increase for the pay award uplift excluding any performance reward element for 2015-16.

2) **AGREE** the introduction of the Deferred Payment Scheme from April 2015

3) **AGREE** that the Corporate Director for Social Care, Health and Wellbeing, or other suitable delegated officer, undertake the necessary actions to implement this decision.

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.

This decision relates to Adult Social Services and the rates and charges that are currently in place, with the Children’s Social Services being addressed in a separate decision.

The rates and charges payable for 2015/16 will be introduced in the week commencing 6 April 2015. This has been confirmed with the Department of Health.

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

Financial Implications:

The increase in income and the increase in payments that these changes will bring have been included in the 12 February 2015 County Council agreed budgets for the services affected.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision will be discussed at the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee on 3 March 2015 and the outcome of this included in the decision paperwork which the Cabinet Member will be asked to sign.

Background Documents:

Report on Proposed Revision of Rates Payable and Charges Levied for Adults Services in 2015-16 to the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee Meeting on 3 March 2015.

Any alternatives considered:

As noted, elements of these revisions are set by external agencies and are not subject to discretion.

For the discretionary elements, alternative % increases were considered but, as in previous years, the respective recommended uplifts equivalent to CPI (1.58% in Sept 14), as the best balance between increases and the agreed budget available.

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

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signed

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date

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| Cabinet Scrutiny Decision to Refer Back for Reconsideration | | | |
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| Reconsideration Record Sheet Issued | | | |
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