

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.

16/00016

Key Decision: Affects more than 2 Electoral Divisions

Subject:

PROPOSED REVISION OF RATES PAYABLE AND CHARGES LEVIED FOR ADULTS' SERVICES IN 2016-17

Decision:

In line with the recommendations in the report on the Proposed Revision of Rates Payable and Charges Levied for Adults' Services in 2016-17, as Cabinet Member for Adult Services I propose to:

a) APPROVE

- i. The Client contributions for residential care for older people remain at £463.07
- ii. The Client contributions for residential care for people with learning difficulties remain at £631.26
- iii. The Wellbeing Charge - Better Homes Active Lives scheme for older people remain at £15.00
- iv. The Wellbeing Charge - Better Homes Active Lives scheme for people with learning difficulties remain at £44.92
- v. The Notional charges for Day Care remain at:
 - Learning Disability – Day centre £37.64
 - Learning Disability – Day Centre half day £18.82
 - Older People – Day Centre £29.99
 - Older People – Day Centre half day £15.00
 - Physical Disability – Day Centre £35.80
 - Physical Disability – Day Centre half day £17.90
 - Older People with Mental Health Needs – Day Centre £35.45
- vi. The Client contributions for Meals Charges remain at:
 - Meal Charge £3.90
 - Meals and other snacks £4.90
 - Refreshments flat rate charge £1.00
- vii. For Local Authority Charges for Adult services:
 - Assessment hourly rate to increase to £68.76 per hour.

b) NOTE

- i. The recommendation to continue the £10 charge for blue badge
- ii. The continuation of the current mileage rate paid to Voluntary Drivers
- iii. The rates for consultancy work and key publications.

c) **DELEGATE** authority to the Corporate Director of Social Care, Health and Wellbeing, or other nominated officer, to 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 2016/17 will be introduced the week commencing 11 April 2016.

The 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 draft budgets for the services affected, which was agreed at County Council on 11 February 2016.

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision will be discussed at the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee on 10 March 2016 and the outcome included in the decision paperwork which the Cabinet Member will be asked to sign.

Background Documents:

A recommendation report will accompany the decision paperwork.

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 percentages were considered, but the established principle of using the previous September CPI figure (which is also used by the DWP for uplift calculations) was retained.

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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