

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY:

Cabinet Member for
Adult Social Care and Public Health

DECISION NO:

16/00132

For publication
Key decision

Affects more than 2 Electoral Divisions

Subject: PROPOSED REVISION OF RATES PAYABLE AND CHARGES LEVIED FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICES IN 2017-18

Decision: As Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health I propose to:

APPROVE the increase to:

- i. Client contributions for residential care – older people £467.70
- ii. Client contributions for residential care – people with learning disabilities £637.57
- iii. Deferred Payment Scheme – the Initial fee £484.80 and annual fee £65.65
- iv. Wellbeing Charge - Better Homes Active Lives Scheme for older people £15.16
- v. Wellbeing Charge - Better Homes Active Lives Scheme for people with learning disabilities £45.36
- vi. Notional charges for Day Care:
 - Learning Disability – day centre £38.02
 - Learning Disability – day centre half day £19.01
 - Older People – day centre £30.29
 - Older People – day centre half day £15.15
 - Physical Disability – day centre £36.16
 - Physical Disability – day centre half day £18.08
 - Older People with Mental Health Needs – day centre £35.80
- viii Notional Homecare charge;
 - Social ½ hour – £7.77
 - Social ¾ hour - £10.36
 - Social 1 hour - £13.44
 - Unsocial ½ hour - £8.81
 - Unsocial ¾ hour - £11.65
 - Unsocial 1 hour - £14.91
- vii. Client contributions for Meals Charges
 - Meal Charge £3.94
 - Meals and other snacks £4.94
 - Refreshments flat rate charge of £1
- viii. Other Local Authority charges.
 - Assessment hourly rate to increase to £70.27

INTRODUCE

- ix. Arrangement fee for self- funders – non-residential care

NOTE:

- x. The charge for Personal Expenses Allowance.
- xi. The recommendation to continue the £10 charge for blue badge
- xii. The continuation of the Voluntary Drivers mileage rate
- xiii. The rates for consultancy work and key publications

CONFIRM:

The charge for other Local Authorities for use of in-house respite residential beds is to be calculated on the basis of full cost recovery

Reason(s) for decision: 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 focused on Adult Social Care Services and the rates and charges that are currently in place. The rates and charges payable for 2017/18 will be introduced the week commencing 10 April 2017. This has been confirmed with the Department of Health.

Financial Implications:

The increase in income and the increase in payments that these changes will bring have been included in the 9 February 2017 County Council agreed budgets for the services affected.

Equality Implications

None

Legal Implications

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

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

The proposed decision will be discussed at the Adult Social Care and Health Cabinet Committee on 14 March 2017 and the outcome included in the paperwork which the Cabinet Member will be asked to sign.

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, established principles of using the previous September CPI figure were 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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date