

From: Penny Southern, Corporate Director of Adult Social Care and Health

To: Clair Bell, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

Decision No: 20/00013

Subject: **RATES PAYABLE AND CHARGES LEVIED FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICES IN 2020-21**

Classification: Unrestricted

Past Pathway of Paper: Adult Social Care and Health Directorate Management Team – 19 February 2020
Adult Social Care Cabinet Committee – 4 March 2020

Future Pathway of Paper: Cabinet Member decision

Summary: This paper sets out the proposed rates and charges for Adult Social Care Services for the forthcoming financial year, along with any potential changes to the Adult Social Care charging policy and sets out officer recommendations to the Cabinet Member for decision.

Recommendation: The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health is asked to:

- a) **APPROVE** the proposed changes to the rates payable and charges levied for adult services in 2020-21 as detailed in sections 2 and 3 of this report; and
- b) **DELEGATE** authority to the Corporate Director for Adult Social Care and Health, or other nominated officer, to undertake the necessary actions to implement this decision.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report is produced annually and seeks approval of the Directorate's proposed rates and charges levied for the forthcoming financial year against 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 and charges for *commissioned* services, or those which are laid down by Parliament are outside of the remit of this report.
- 1.3 All proposed rates and charges levied for 2020-21 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 proposed rates for Adults Social Care Services
 - Appendix 2 lists the proposed charges general to the Directorate

- 1.4 The pay award for 2020-21 was confirmed at County Council on 13 February 2020 as 3.6%. This report recommends increasing the rates payable and charges levied for adult social care services in line with the KCC pay award or in line with CPI as at September 2019 which is 1.7%.
- 1.5 The effective date, unless otherwise stated, for all proposed changes to adult social care services will be the week beginning 6 April 2020, which coincides with the date of inflationary increases to client related benefits.
- 1.6 Rates charged to Other Local Authorities for the use of Kent County Council (KCC) Homes and Day Centres are not published within the Rates Payable and Charges Levied for Adult Social Care Services. 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. Rates Payable and Charges Levied for Adult Social Care Services

- 2.1 All rates payable and charges levied proposed for 2020-21 in respect of Adult Social Care Services are shown in Appendix 1. For ease of reference, the basis of their proposed increase is shown throughout Section 2.

2.1.1 Client Contributions for Residential Care

For those clients with the ability to meet the full cost of a placement in the council's own provision, the recommendations for the maximum contribution are as follows:

a) Older People

It is recommended that this rate be increased in line with the KCC Pay Award figure as at April 2020 which will be 3.6%.

The rate will be £512.05 for 2020-21.

b) People with Learning Difficulties

It is recommended that this rate be increased in line with the KCC Pay Award figure as at April 2020 which will be 3.6%.

The rate will be £698.03 for 2020-21.

2.1.2 Deferred Payments

Information regarding the Deferred Payment scheme can be found on the Kent.gov.uk site: Deferred Payments for Care and Support. It is proposed that charges linked to Deferred Payments should be dealt with as follows:

a) Interest to be applied

Interest will be calculated and compounded daily. For information the estimated rate to be applied is for 2020-21 is 1.55% (gilt rate 1.4% plus 0.15%).

b) 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.

At the time of the introduction of the Care Act in 2014, a cost analysis was conducted to ascertain the appropriate fee to charge clients for the set-up of deferred payments and the yearly administration fee. Over the past three years the fee has either been kept the same, increased by the Consumer Index Price or by the cost of KCC's annual pay award amount.

An exercise has been carried out to review and recalculate the various elements of the costs.

It is recommended that the recalculated rate is charged for all *new* deferred payments clients from 2020-21

The new rates will be:

Initial Fee	£369.53
Annual Fee	£217.75*

* equates to £4.18 per week and is charged from the second year onward.

It is recommended that clients with *existing* deferred payment agreements should be transitioned to the new annual fee at £10.00 per year. This will reduce the value of KCC subsidies for self-funding clients.

The transitional annual fee for existing clients will be:

Transitional Annual Fee £79.54*

*equates to £1.53 per week and is charged from the second year onward.

2.1.3 Administration fee for self-funders – Non-Residential Care

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

It is recommended that the annual arrangement fee be increased in line with the KCC Pay Award figure as at April 2020 which will be 3.6%. The new charge will be £113.75 which equates to £2.18 per week.

2.1.4 Better Homes Active Lives (PFI) Schemes

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

a) Extra-care schemes for older people

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

It is recommended that this rate be is uplifted in line with CPI as at September 2019 which is 1.7%.

The rate will be £16.20 for 2020-21.

b) Schemes for people with learning difficulties

This is the cost of the sleeping night support service.

It is recommended that this rate be is uplifted in line with CPI as at September 2019 which is 1.7%.

The rate will be £48.57 for 2020-21.

2.1.5 Blue Badges

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 and it is recommended that this rate continues.

2.1.6 Day Care Charging for In-House Services

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.

It is recommended that the standard rate for in-house day care be increased in line with the KCC Pay Award figure as at April 2020 which will be 3.6%. The rates will be as shown in the table below for 2020-21.

Care Item	Unit	Proposed Unit Charge
Learning Disability Standard - Day	Day	£40.49
Learning Disability Standard - Half Day	Session	£20.24
Learning Disability Enhanced - Day	Day	£91.17
Learning Disability Enhanced - Half Day	Session	£45.58
Learning Disability Specialist - Day	Day	£136.75
Learning Disability Specialist - Half Day	Session	£68.38
Older People - Day	Day	£33.16
Older People - Half Day	Session	£16.60
Physical Disability - Day	Day	£39.59
Physical Disability - Half Day	Session	£19.80
Older People with Mental Health Needs - Day	Day	£39.20

2.1.7 In House Homecare Rates

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.

It is recommended that this rate be increased in line with the KCC Pay Award figure as at April 2020 which will be 3.6%. The rates for 2020-21 are as follows:

Care Item	Proposed Unit Charge
Social (1/2 hour)	£8.46
Social (3/4 hour)	£11.29
Social (1 hour)	£14.65
Unsocial (1/2 hour)	£9.59
Unsocial (3/4 hour)	£12.69
Unsocial (1 hour)	£16.24

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

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

It is recommended that this rate be is uplifted in line with CPI as at September 2019 which is 1.7%. The rates for 2020-21 are as follows:

Meal Charge	£4.23
Meals and other Snacks	£5.23

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

2.1.9 Voluntary Drivers/Escort Mileage Rates

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.

2.1.10 Other Local Authority Charges for Review and Assessment of Adult Services

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.

It is recommended that this rate be increased in line with the KCC Pay Award figure as at April 2020 which will be 3.6%.

The hourly rate will be £76.93

These rates are also applicable to Children Services.

3. General Charges and Rates

3.1 Consultancy

KCC finance dictates the rates to be levied for:

- i) Middle Management (£88.84 per hour);
- ii) Senior Management (£164.68 per hour);
- iii) Director, when undertaking consultancy work (£266.50 per hour).

These rates are uplifted in line with CPI as at September 2019 which is 1.7%.

3.2 Publications

In 2019-20 the charge for key publications was uplifted in line with CPI. The charge for 2019-20 was £13.61.

It is recommended that this rate be is uplifted in line with CPI as at September 2019 which is 1.7%.

The rate for 2020-21 will be £13.84.

3.3 Home Support Fund

In some instances (where extreme hardship can be evidenced) extra financial help is available from KCC to top-up the help provided via Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG), which is 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.

There is no proposal put forward to change these arrangements for 2020-21.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The report distinguishes between those rates and charges over which the County Council can exercise their discretion and those which are laid down by Parliament.

5. Equality Implications

None.

6. Recommendation

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7. Background Documents

None

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