



# EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

<b>REPORT OF:</b>	Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care
<b>LEAD OFFICERS:</b>	Director of Adult Services & Prevention
<b>DATE:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2019

<b>PORTFOLIO/S AFFECTED:</b>	Health and Adult Social Care
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<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	All
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<b>SUBJECT:</b> INCREASE TO CLIENT CHARGES AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2019/2020
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## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To seek approval from the Executive Member for the proposed changes to fees and charges across Adult Social care for 2019/20.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Member approves:

- The proposal to increase some client charges and contributions by 2.7% in line with government pension rate increases.
- The proposal to increase the client charge for home care by 4.85% to keep in step with the differential between the client charge and the provider rate.
- The proposal to uplift some fees and charges in line with inflation (RPI at November 2018) currently at 3.3%.

## 3. BACKGROUND

The Council considers an increase to all fees and charges as part of its budget process each year. Since 2011/12 the scope of increases to be applied has been delegated to the Executive Member within each portfolio to take into account market forces and fee setting in neighbouring authorities.

If approved the revised fees and charges for 2019/20 will be published on the Council's website to allow departments to give the appropriate notice periods to service users prior to implementation at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

## 4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

As part of the budget setting process a review of all income was undertaken across the council,

especially in light of continuing budget reductions and continuing service related pressures. For the Health and Adult Social Care portfolio approval is now sought for the following proposals:

- From April 2019, the basic state pension and the new state pension will rise by 2.6%. It is therefore proposed that a slightly higher increase of 2.7% is applied to the charges for day care. (This has been rounded to allow charges to be applied pro-rata for half-day attendances).
- For home care, it is proposed a 4.85% increase to the hourly rate (consistent with the National Living Wage increase that these providers will receive) is applied to maintain alignment with the 2019/2020 provider rate.

It should be noted that these increases will only impact on those individuals who are self-funding or who are financially assessed as having the resources to pay the full notional cost of the services they receive.

- As an increasing number of services move to more cafeteria or menu-based catering models, it is proposed that charges for meals (uplifted in 2018) is only uplifted in line with inflation (3.3% current RPI), to allow provider services to review in consultation with service users and carers on any future delivery and charging models.
- It is proposed that the standard rate for respite care also remains unchanged, to allow for a fundamental review in consultation with service users and carers of the effectiveness of the current respite voucher system.
- For Transport, it is proposed the current rate is uplifted in line with inflation at 3.3%.

The proposal would implement the following client charges and contributions:

#### Day Care

It is proposed that the daily attendance rate for Day Care is increased by 2.7% from per day to £31.16 to £32.00 from April 2019.

#### Home Care

It is proposed that the hourly rate for Home Care is increased by 4.85% from £12.52 to £13.12 from April 2019.

#### Meals

It is proposed that the rate for meals currently at £3.35 to £3.45 from April 2019. (slightly less than inflation 3.3% for practical pricing reasons)

#### Adult Respite Care

It is proposed that weekly fee for Adult Respite Care remains at £94.64 from April 2019.

#### Transport

It is proposed that the transport rate is uplifted by around 3.3% from £1.50 to £1.55 contribution per journey.

#### Disabled Facilities Grant Admin Fee

This service charges on the basis of a maximum of 12.5% of the total costs of adaptation works, and as such has no set fee.

## 5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This is an annual review of fees and charges as part of the service area's need to generate sufficient revenue to meet agreed budget. Under-achievement of revenue targets is a risk for the Council given the current financial climate.

## 6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The value of additional income from these service users is difficult to quantify due to the changing client base and financial circumstances of people that use the council's social care services.

Additional income generated through these proposed charges will contribute to the savings target required by portfolios as part of the budget setting process.

The proposed changes in fees and charges are presented in Appendix A. These fees to be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.

There are no fees and charges to the public for Public Health services.

## 7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Under the Care Act 2014 the Local Authority has a power to charge for providing certain care and support packages services but the amount charged may only cover the cost that the authority incurs.

## 8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

None

## 9. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

**Please select one of the options below. Where appropriate please include the hyperlink to the EIA.**

Option 1  Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required – the EIA checklist has been completed.

Option 2  In determining this matter the Executive Member needs to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA link here)*

Option 3  In determining this matter the Executive Board Members need to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision. *(insert EIA attachment)*

## 10. CONSULTATIONS

The department will publish and communicate the changes to service users in the relevant service area. A reference of all fees and charges will be available on the Council's website from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April.

## 11. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been considered. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

## **12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

All Declarations of Interest of any Executive Member consulted and note of any dispensation granted by the Chief Executive will be recorded and published if applicable.

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<b>DATE:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2019
<b>BACKGROUND PAPER:</b>	