

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCILCABINET30 November 2017Report by Chief Officer - Health and Social Care PartnershipHEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP - CHARGING FOR SERVICES**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To update Cabinet on the proposed charges within the HSCP for financial year 2018/19.

RECOMMENDATION

2. The Cabinet is asked to:
 - (a) Note this update on charging within the HSCP;
 - (b) Agree the proposed increase to existing charges; and
 - (c) Agree that the Chief Officer/Chief Financial Officer have authority to waive a charge dependant on individual circumstance.

BACKGROUND

3. This report is produced annually and identifies the proposed charging increase for 2018/19.

REPORT

4. The current income position for charged for services is:

| Service | 2017/18 Charge | Annual Income | Benchmark Charge (16/17) |
|---|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Care at Home (per hour) | 13.00 | 20,000 | 12.55 - 14.60 |
| Community Alarms (per week) | 2.20 | 225,000 | 2.42 – 3.33 |
| Meals / Lunch Clubs | 4.30-4.50 | 39,000 | 1.13 – 2.73 |
| Housing Support (per month) | 52.14 | 5,000 | 43.88 – 53.64 |
| Day care Charges to Other Local Authorities (per day) | 106.67 | 54,000 | 53.70 – 124.95 |
| Blue Badges (per application) | 20.00 | 34,000 | 20.00 |
| Total | | 377,000 | |

Notes:

- Residential Care and Respite income is excluded as rates are determined nationally. Charges for respite may be impacted by carers' legislation.
- Bonnyton House fees are excluded from this exercise as this is part of a wider service change.
- Blue badge fee is set nationally

5. It is proposed that these charges are increased by 3% per annum, with the exception of Blue Badge applications:

| Service | 2017/18 Current Charge | 2018/19 Proposed Charge |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Care at Home (per hour) | 13.00 | 13.65 |
| Community Alarms (per week) | 2.20 | 2.30 |
| Meals 2 courses | 4.30 | 4.40 |
| Meals 3 courses | 4.50 | 4.60 |
| Room Hire (per day) | 6.00 | 6.20 |
| Housing Support (per month) | 52.14 | 53.70 |
| Day care Charges to Other Local Authorities (per day) | 106.67 | 109.90 |
| Blue Badges (per application) | 20.00 | 20.00 |

6. The proposed charges, as above, reflect a 3% increase, rounded up or down to the nearest £0.05.

7. This will generate £10,300 income, making no allowance for demographic impact, attrition, and potential loss from carers' legislation and / or extension of free personal care.

8. The HSCP is currently reviewing the approach to setting individual budgets and the associated impact this will have on future charging.

9. We are also reviewing how we undertake financial assessments with individuals and their families to ensure an efficient turn-around time, that appropriate interim funding is in place and we will continue to work in conjunction with the Money Advice and Rights Team will ensure that each individual's income is maximised.

10. The Cabinet is asked to approve the Chief Officer/Chief Financial Officer are able to waive and/or write off a charge dependant on individual circumstance.

FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY

11. All financial issues are included in the report above.

CONSULTATION

12. We will apply an equalities impact assessment as required and will consult on any new charging implications as part of the Individual Budget change project. Any subsequent proposal to charging will be brought to the Cabinet for approval.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

13. The setting of fees and charges remains a responsibility of East Renfrewshire Council under the legislation.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS

Staffing

14. There are no staffing implications.

Property

15. There are no property implications.

Legal

16. There are no legal implications from the proposed increase for 2018/19. Legal advice will be sought, as required, for the implementation of the Individual budget allocation and future charging policies.

IT

17. There are no IT implications.

Equalities

18. A full equalities impact assessment will be required for future proposals.

Sustainability

19. There are no sustainability issues.

CONCLUSIONS

20. The proposed increase to existing charges is 3%. This will generate £10,300 income, making no allowance for demographic impact, attrition, and potential loss from carers' legislation and / or extension of free personal care. The HSCP is currently reviewing the approach to setting individual budgets and the associated impact this will have on future charging.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None