

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCILCABINET26 November 2020Report by Chief Officer – Health and Social Care PartnershipHEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP - CHARGING FOR SERVICES 2021/22**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To update Cabinet on the proposed charges within the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) for financial year 2021/22.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. The Cabinet is asked to:
- (a) Note this update on charging within the HSCP; and
  - (b) Agree the proposed increase to existing charges

**BACKGROUND**

3. This report is produced annually and identifies the proposed charging increases for 2021/22. The legislation supporting the integration of health and social care determines that the authority and approval for setting charges for social care remains with the Council, this function was not delegated to the Integration Joint Board.

4. The Integration Joint Board received this charging report at its meeting on 23 September and agreed to remit the 2021/22 charging increases to Cabinet for approval.

**REPORT**

5. The standard rate of inflation at 1.9% is the basis of increase to the existing charges within the HSCP. As with prior years this has been rounded up or down to the nearest £0.05. The proposed treatment of each existing charge is set out below:

Service	2020/21 Charge	Proposed Change	2021/22 Proposed Charge
	£		£
Community Alarms (per week)	2.60	Increase by £0.05 (1.9%)	2.65
Meals 2 courses	4.60	Increase by £0.10 (2.2%)	4.70
Meals 3 courses	4.80	Increase by £0.10 (2.1%)	4.90

Room Hire (per day)	6.60	Increase by £0.10 (1.5%)	6.70
Day care Charges to Other Local Authorities (per day)	115.90	Increase by £2.20 (1.9%)	118.10
Blue Badges (per application)	20.00	No change proposed	20.00
Bonnyton Residential Care (per week)	736.7	Increase by £14.00 (1.9%)	750.70
Inclusive Support Holiday Programme (per day)	35.90	Increase by £0.70 (1.9%)	36.60

6. The Cabinet previously agreed the contribution level for Individual Budgets at 5% of the chargeable element of the budget. Where an individual budget is in place the contribution will supersede any charge for individual aspects of a care package listed above. The implementation of this charge is on hold whilst the budget calculator model is reviewed as part of the HSCP savings for 2020/21. The response to Covid-19 has resulted in delay to this work.

7. The HSCP has a non-residential care charging policy in place to support the charges above.

8. During 2020/21 the charge for Bonnyton House was reduced during the decant period which was extended due to COVID-19. The charge for community alarms was suspended for a three month period as the service capacity was impacted by COVID-19.

## **FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY**

9. All financial issues are included in the report above. The proposed charges, as set out in the table above, will generate a potential £15,750 income when the uplifts are applied to income budgets; in real terms the income achieved will depend on the service delivery and demand, significantly impacted during 2019/20 by COVID-19.

10. The assessment of the contribution from the implementation of Individual Budgets was impacted by COVID-19 as was the work to review the calculator. This is required to achieve 2019/20 savings and will continue to be assessed.

## **CONSULTATION**

11. A full consultation and equalities impact assessment were undertaken prior to implementation of the Individual Budget proposals.

## **PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

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

## **IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS**

13. A full equalities impact assessment was undertaken as part of the development of the Individual Budget implementation.

14. There are no implications in relation to staffing, property, legal, sustainability or IT implications

## **CONCLUSIONS**

15. The proposed increases to existing charges are in line with inflation.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

IJB 25.09.2020 – Charging for Services 2020/21

IJB 26.06.2019 - Individual Budget Update

IJB 27.06.2018 - Individual Budgets Self Directed Support Update

CABINET 30.11.2017 - HSCP Charging for Services

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