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THURSDAY, 19 APRIL 2018

## TO: THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER FOR SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH WHICH WILL BE HELD IN REGENERATION MEETING ROOM, COUNTY HALL, CARMARTHEN, AT 9.00 AM, ON THURSDAY, 26TH APRIL, 2018 FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

*Mark James* CBE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE



PLEASE RECYCLE

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*Note:- The press and public are not be entitled to attend the meeting. The decision record will be published normally within 3 working days.*

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR  
SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH****MONDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018****PRESENT:** Councillor J. Tremlett [Executive Board Member]**The following officers were in attendance:**

Mr L. Walters - Senior Business Support Manager Social Care  
Mr R. Page - Area Business Support Manager  
Mrs M. Evans Thomas - Principal Democratic Services Officer

**Office of Director of Community Services, County Hall, Carmarthen :  
9.00 a.m. - 9.20 a.m.**

**1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

There were no declarations of personal interest.

**2. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE DECISION RECORD OF THE  
MEETING HELD ON 8TH NOVEMBER, 2016**

**RESOLVED** that the decisions record of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 be signed as a correct record.

**3. SOCIAL SERVICES CHARGES FOR 2018/19**

The Executive Board Member considered a report detailing the proposed level of charges for home care and other non-residential social services for 2018/19. Appendix 1 to the report detailed the existing charges for 2017/18 and the proposed charges for 2018/19.

The Senior Business Support Manager advised that the majority of charges would be increased in line with the Authority's budget expectations with the exception of the Telecare charge. The Telecare charge would remain unchanged as the charge for any service cannot be greater than it costs to deliver it and as the Telecare service was currently undergoing significant change, as soon as this was complete the charge would be reviewed again for future years.

With regard to Home Care and other Non-Residential Social Services it was noted that Authorities still have discretion to decide whether to charge for services, to decide how much to charge for services and which services should have a charge. There was still a maximum charge that any service user can pay and for 2018/19 the maximum charge was £80 per week excluding any charges which substitute for ordinary daily living costs such as meals and laundry. It was proposed to continue to apply the new maximum charge as announced by Welsh Government.

Service users receiving Non-Residential Social Services would require a reassessment of their financial circumstances as a result of Department for Work and Pensions pension changes in April 2018. Under the Act the service users

still have to be notified of their charge or any changes to their charge before an invoice can be sent out but the charge can and will apply from the date financial circumstances change and/or the first day of service. The outcome of the Financial Reassessment would therefore be applied from the 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, being the date DWP pension changes apply from.

In accordance with the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 respite care is considered a short term service and accordingly service users accessing respite are entitled to a financial assessment under the Non-Residential Charging rules. As a result, service users will not pay more than £80 per week for the service, many will pay a lot less or have a free service. For 2018/19 it was proposed to charge the full cost of the placement with the financial assessment ensuring no one pays more than they can afford. The Financial Assessment will be in accordance with the Act, Regulations, Code of Practice and subject to a maximum charge of £80 per week.

With regard to services considered as an ordinary daily living cost, these charges will be flat rate charges and not subject to a financial assessment and therefore will be charged in addition to a means tested charge for the services detailed above. The services which fall under this category are as follows:-

- hot meals at home (Meals on Wheels) and in day facilities and frozen meals at home (Meals on Wheels) - £4.70 per meal (an increase of 40p in line with the decision made by Council on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 2016);
- laundry £2.40 per load (an increase of 5p)

In order to assist in meeting current levels of demand for services, it was

## **RESOLVED**

- 3.1 that the proposed increases in social services charges for 2018/19, as set out in the summary of charges detailed in the report, be approved with effect from 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2018;**
- 3.2 that the capital thresholds applied to the Non Residential Social Services Financial Assessment will be those announced by Welsh Government;**
- 3.3 that the maximum weekly charge of £80 per week for Non Residential Social Services for Adults announced by Welsh Government be applied from 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 and that the maximum charge continues to be in line with future announcements by Welsh Government as they occur.**

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER**

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**DATE**

26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018

<b>Executive Board Member:</b>	<b>Portfolio:</b>
<b>Cllr. Jane Tremlett</b>	<b>Social Care &amp; Health</b>

## LOCAL AUTHORITY RESIDENTIAL CARE STANDARD CHARGE FOR 2018-2019

### RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

That the Standard Charge for Local Authority Older People residential care homes be increased from £585.99 to £587.02 for Mainstream beds and from £791.48 to £800.30 for EMI beds.

For residents placed by this authority into our own Local Authority Homes the effective date for the new rates is 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2018. For those residents placed in our homes by other Local Authorities the effective date for the new charges to those authorities is the 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

### REASONS:

Adults in residential accommodation are required to contribute to the cost of their care. Where they have sufficient resources they are required to pay the full cost of their accommodation, known as the Standard Charge which is calculated annually based on the full cost to the authority of providing the accommodation.

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**Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):**None

**Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):** N/A

### DECISION MADE:

**Signed:**

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted <b>subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:</b>	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was <b>not adopted:</b>	

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS DECISION MEETING FOR SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018

### LOCAL AUTHORITY RESIDENTIAL CARE STANDARD CHARGE FOR 2018-2019

The overall budgeted costs for running the Authority's residential homes together with the number of beds available and the occupancy levels are the determining factors in calculating the annual Standard Charge.

For 2018-2019 there has been no change in the number of Local Authority beds. Whilst staffing costs have increased these have been partly offset by a reduction in running expenses. As a result the charge for mainstream beds will increase by 0.17% and EMI beds by 1.11%.

#### Recommendation

- The Standard Charge for Local Authority Older People residential care homes be increased from £585.99 to £587.02 for Mainstream beds and from £791.48 to £800.30 for EMI beds.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

No

## IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Jonathan Morgan

Head of Homes and Safer Communities

Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Organisational Development	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE

### 3. Finance

The Standard Charge has been calculated on the basis of the full cost to the authority of providing the accommodation.

### 5. Risk Management Issues

As there continues to be a significant cost differential between the Local Authority and the Private Sector this could lead to a shift in placements from Local Authority homes into the Private Sector.

# CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Jonathan Morgan

Head of Homes and Safer Communities

1. Local Member(s) N/A

2. Community / Town Council N/A

3. Relevant Partners N/A

4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information  
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THERE ARE NONE