

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH

TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2016

PRESENT: Councillor: J. Tremlett (Executive Board Member).

The following officers were in attendance:

J. Morgan - Director of Community Services

D. Eldred - Group Accountant

M. Evans Thomas - Principal Democratic Services Officer

C. Gadd - Democratic Services Officer

Office of Director of Community Services, County Hall, Carmarthen – 2.00 – 2.15pm

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interests were made.

2. LOCAL AUTHORITY RESIDENTIAL CARE STANDARD CHARGE FOR 2016/17

The Executive Board Member considered a report on Local Authority residential care standard charge for 2016/17.

The Group Accountant advised that Adults in residential accommodation were required to contribute to the cost of their care. Where they have sufficient resources they were 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. The Executive Board Member, in response to a query, was informed that there was only a small proportion of residents that would have to pay the full costs of their care.

It was outlined that the overall budgeted costs for running the Authority's residential homes together with the number of beds available and the occupancy levels were the determining factors in calculating the annual Standard Charge. For 2016/17 there had been no change in the number of Local Authority beds. Whilst staffing costs had increased these had been partly offset by a reduction in running expenses. As a result the charge for mainstream beds would increase by 0.36% and EMI beds by 2.95%.

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 that the standard charge for Local Authority older people residential care homes be increased from £583.88 to £585.99 for mainstream beds and from £768.78 to £791.48 for EMI beds;**
- 2.2 that for residents placed by this authority into our own Local Authority Homes the effective date for the new rates is 2nd January 2017. For those residents placed in our homes by other Local Authorities the effective date for the new charges to those authorities is 11th April 2016.**

3. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE DECISION RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH JUNE, 2016

RESOLVED that the decisions record of the meeting held on 9th June, 2016 be signed as a correct record.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER

DATE