

THURSDAY, 1 JUNE 2023

TO: THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU TO ATTEND A VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE **CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES** WHICH WILL BE HELD AT **10.00 AM**, ON **THURSDAY, 8TH JUNE, 2023** FOR THE TRANSACTION OF THE BUSINESS OUTLINED ON THE ATTACHED AGENDA.

Wendy Walters

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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

FRIDAY, 13 January 2023

PRESENT: Councillor J. Tremlett (Cabinet Member).

The following officers were in attendance:

R. Page, Senior Business Support Manager

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

Virtual Meeting: 10.00 am - 10.15 am

1. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

2. DECISION RECORD - 18TH MARCH 2022

RESOLVED that the decision record of the meeting held on the 18th March, 2022 be signed as a correct record.

3. NON-RESIDENTIAL CHARGING 2023-24

The Cabinet Member considered a report detailing the potential impact, and effect, of changes to charges for non-residential services and the need for charges in Carmarthenshire to increase in order to continue to maximise income.

To work towards full cost recovery for 2023-24, and to align rates with other Local Authorities in Wales, it was proposed to increase non-residential charges for hourly charged services from £18.00 to £20.00 (11.11%) and Day Care and Adult Placement charges from £17.60 to £19.55 (11.08%).

It was noted that the scale of charges for 2023-24, in most cases is significantly less than the cost of provision, however increasing charges would not necessarily increase income for this year because the amount anyone can pay is controlled by the current Welsh Government “Cap” and Financial Assessment. It was however recognised that there may be a small marginal increase of income from the inflationary uplift applied to the full cost, small packages of care.

RESOLVED that Carmarthenshire increase its Non-Residential charges for hourly charged services by inflation from £18.00 to £20.00 (11.11%) and Day Care and Adult Placement sessional charges from £17.60 to £19.55 (11.08%) in an attempt to recover as much revenue as possible within the rules set down by Welsh Government for 2023 - 24, and to align rates with other local authorities in Wales, and to move closer to regional Local Authorities.

CABINET MEMBER

DATE

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CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

8TH JUNE, 2023

Cabinet Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr. Jane Tremlett	Health & Social Services

LOCAL AUTHORITY RESIDENTIAL CARE STANDARD CHARGE FOR 2023-2024

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

That the Standard Charge for Local Authority Older People residential care homes be increased from £718.56 to £840.60 for mainstream beds and from £935.60 to £990.85 for dementia beds.

For residents placed by this authority into our own Local Authority Homes the effective date for the new rates is 26th June 2023. For those residents placed in our homes by other Local Authorities the effective date for the new charges to those authorities is the 10th of April 2023.

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.

<p>Directorate Communities</p> <p>Name of Head of Service: Jonathan Morgan</p> <p>Report Author: Andrea Thomas</p>	<p>Designations:</p> <p>Head of Housing & Public Protection</p> <p>Group Accountant</p>	<p>E Mail Addresses:</p> <p><u>JMorgan@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</u></p> <p><u>AndThomas@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</u></p>
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Declaration of Personal Interest (if any): N/A

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

DECISION MADE:

Signed: _____ DATE _____

CABINET MEMBER

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CABINET MEMBERS DECISION MEETING
FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES
8TH JUNE 2023**

**LOCAL AUTHORITY RESIDENTIAL CARE STANDARD CHARGE
FOR 2023-2024**

There are currently 7 homes with a total of 248 beds in Carmarthenshire County Council's own residential homes. 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 2023-24 there has been no change in the number of Local Authority beds. Inflationary increases will be significant in several key areas in the Residential Care Homes budgets: Pay costs are projected to increase by 18% compared to the projections this time last year, though the 2023-2024 pay award has not yet been formally agreed; premises maintenance costs are anticipated to increase by approx 10%; utility bills are projected to increase by 131% and food costs by 18%.

As a result, the charge for mainstream beds will increase by 16.98% and dementia beds by 16.59%.

However, due to market position compared to the private sector, the department are proposing to cap the dementia beds rate to 5.91% i.e., at £990.85 instead of the full cost recovery rate of £1,090.85. This will ensure the bed rates are more comparable with the private sector, and this may result in more income from full cost placements.

The financial impact of capping the dementia bed rate would be approx. £20k less income during 2023-2024, as there are very few residents that pay the full rate due to their financial assessment.

Recommendation

The Standard Charge for Local Authority Older People residential care homes be increased from £718.56 to £840.60 for mainstream beds and from £935.60 to £990.85 for dementia 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 Housing & Public Protection

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 based on the full cost to the authority of providing the accommodation for mainstream beds. For dementia beds, the proposal is to cap the rate at £100 per week less than full cost recovery. The financial impact on 2023-2024 income is approx £20k shortfall as few residents pay the full rate due to their financial assessment.

5. Risk Management Issues

As there continues to be a 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 Housing & Public Protection

1. Scrutiny Committee - N/A
2. Local Member(s) - N/A
3. Community / Town Council - N/A
4. Relevant Partners - N/A
5. 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