

18 MARCH 2022

Cabinet Member: Cllr. Jane Tremlett	Portfolio: Social Care and Health	
SUBJECT: LOCAL AUTHORITY RESIDENTIAL CARE STANDARD CHARGE FOR 2022-2023		
Recommendations / key decisions required: That the Standard Charge for Local Authority Older People residential care homes be increased from £654.06 to £718.56 for Mainstream beds and from £884.17 to £935.60 for Dementia beds. For residents placed by this authority into our own Local Authority Homes the effective date for the new rates is 27 th June 22. For those residents placed in our homes by other Local Authorities the effective date for the new charges to those authorities is the 11 th April 2022.		
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):

Not Applicable.

DECISION MADE:

Signed:

DATE: _____

CABINET MEMBER

The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting

Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
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 MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR
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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.

In previous years, the calculation for the Standard Charge was actioned later in the year to wait for confirmation of the pay award, but its more prudent to agree the rates earlier, so that individuals effected are aware of the increase as early as possible.

For 2022-23 there has been no change in the number of Local Authority beds. Staffing costs have increased due to a revaluation of care staff from C to D grade. An estimated increase in staff costs of 3.25% in line with the Council's Revenue Budget Strategy and extra costs pressures on supplies and services of approx. 2-3%. There are no proposed savings efficiencies reducing the budgets, but there has been a rebalancing of costs between the Dementia Beds and Standard Residential which reflects the growing dependency levels in Residential Care and the difference in uplifts between the 2 charges.

As a result, the charge for mainstream beds will increase by 9.86% and Dementia beds by 5.82%.

Recommendation

The Standard Charge for Local Authority Older People residential care homes be increased from £654.06 to £718.56 for Mainstream beds and from £884.17 to £935.60 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 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

1. Finance

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

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 Homes and Safer Communities

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.