

# CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2023

<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	<b>Portfolio:</b>
<b>Cllr. Jane Tremlett</b>	<b>Health &amp; Social Services</b>

## 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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CABINET MEMBER

Recommendation of Officer	YES / NO
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adopted	
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  
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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.

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**

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**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**No**

