

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**Housing and Health Committee****27 January 2016****Community Care Annual Scheme of Charges****Report by Director (Housing and Community Care)****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report notes the different charging regimes in place within Housing and Community Care for community care services. Housing and Health Committee are asked to consider and comment on the proposed charges as set out in Appendix 1 of this report. Final approval of charges will be determined by the Council in February 2016.

1. BACKGROUND / MAIN ISSUES

- 1.1 For community care services there are three distinct charging regimes in operation within Perth and Kinross Council which are based on a combination of legislative responsibilities, national guidance and local guidance:
 - Non-residential care services received prior to 1 February 2014 subject to transitional protection
 - Non-residential care services received from 1 February 2014
 - Residential care services
- 1.2 Details of all current charging regimes can be found at www.pkc.gov.uk/carecharges
- 1.3 Perth and Kinross Council will adopt charges agreed under the Scotland Excel Framework for the following services:
 - Independent sector residential care
 - Independent sector nursing care
 - Community frozen meals service
- 1.4 For independent residential and nursing care, Perth and Kinross Council will only agree to a higher rate than that agreed under the Scotland Excel Framework for specialised homes such as those for learning disabilities and mental health clients.
- 1.5 The cost of staff meals provided by Perth and Kinross Council at centres is increased annually from 1 April by the UK Consumer Prices Index (CPI) inflation rate as at the preceding September.
- 1.6 All income generated by charges contributes to service budgets and ensures the continued development and delivery of high quality services.

2 PROPOSALS

2.0 Housing and Health Committee are asked to consider the proposed charges as set out in Appendix 1 of this report and recommend any changes for further consideration at Full Council on 11 February 2016, specifically with regards to:

2.1 It is proposed to increase the weekly charge levied for Perth and Kinross Council run care homes, Beechgrove House in Perth City, Dalweem in Aberfeldy and Parkdale in Auchterarder, to £829.56 per week from 1 April 2016. This charge is based on the true cost of running the care homes including overheads and capital charges whilst taking account of anticipated occupancy levels which is the methodology that has been used for the calculation of this weekly charge for many years. It is also consistent with the Council's Financial Regulations which require full cost recovery of actual running costs subject to a financial assessment of an individual's ability to pay.

Residents who are aged 65 or over and have been assessed as requiring residential care will be entitled to a Free Personal Care payment. This rate is set annually by the Scottish Government; 2015/16 rate was £171 per week.

2.2 It is proposed to increase the cost of delivery and installation of occupational therapy equipment to more accurately reflect the full cost of this activity as per the Council's Financial Regulations. These charges are not currently means tested. At present, a subsidised charge of £11.02 per delivery and £27.56 per installation is levied. Subject to approval at Full Council of the Housing & Community Care budget proposals in February 2016, it is proposed to increase these costs as follows from 1 April 2016 to:

- £20.00 flat fee for delivery

Note 1: should a piece of equipment be deemed unsuitable after delivery and a replacement be required, there will no charge levied for delivery of the new piece of equipment

Note 2: should a person collect the equipment direct from the Joint Equipment Loan Store then no charge will be levied, however not all items are suitable for self-collection

- £178.00 per installation for bannisters and handrails

Note: for other installations and adaptations the charge will remain at £27.56

There is an online self-assessment tool which allows Perth and Kinross residents to review solutions available for occupational therapy aids and adaptations. This can be found at www.abilityoptionsperth.org.uk

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 There are three separate and distinct charging regimes in operation for community care services within Perth and Kinross. Further details of the charging regimes are available online at www.pkc.gov.uk/carecharges. This report provides a summary of the proposed charges for 2016/17.
- 3.2 Housing and Health Committee are asked to consider and comment on the proposed charges as set out in Appendix 1.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	None
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	Yes
Workforce	None
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	None
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Strategic Environmental Assessment	None
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	None
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	None
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

1. Strategic Implications

Corporate Plan

- 1.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2013-2018 lays out five outcome focussed strategic objectives which provide clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resources allocation. They are as follows:

- (i) Giving every child the best start in life;
- (ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens;
- (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy;
- (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives; and
- (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations.

This report relates to (iii) and (iv).

2. Resource Implications

Financial

- 2.1 The impact of the changes to 2016/17 charges identified in this report has been incorporated into the Service's revenue budget submission which will be presented to Full Council on 11 February 2016.

3. Assessments

Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.

This section should reflect that the proposals have been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:

- (i) Assessed as **relevant** and the following positive outcomes expected following implementation: The services that are the focus of this report will have a positive impact on people's wellbeing across a varied range of vulnerable client groups.

4. BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were considered in the preparation of this report:-

- Corporate Charging Policy (Report 15/401)
- Review of Invoicing Arrangements for the Housing and Community Care Contributions Policy (Report 15/408)

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Proposed Charges 2016-2017

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Proposed charges 2016-2017

Care and Support Services	
Local Authority Residential Care	£829.56 per week
Occupational Therapy Equipment Delivery & Fitting	
Delivery Fee	£20.00 per order
Fitting of Bannisters and Handrails	£178.00 per item

Further information on community care charges can be found at
www.pkc.gov.uk/carecharges