

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCILCABINET1 December 2022Report by Chief Officer – Health and Social Care PartnershipHEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP - CHARGING FOR SERVICES 2023/24**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To update Cabinet on the proposed charges within the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) for financial year 2023/24.

RECOMMENDATION

2. The Cabinet is asked to:
- (a) Note this update on charging within the HSCP; and
 - (b) Agree the proposed increase to existing charges

BACKGROUND

3. This report is produced annually and identifies the proposed charging increases for 2023/24. The legislation supporting the integration of health and social care determines that the authority and approval for setting charges for social care remains with the Council, this function was not delegated to the Integration Joint Board.

4. The Integration Joint Board received this charging report at its meeting on 21 September 2022 and agreed to remit the 2023/24 charging increases to Cabinet for approval.

REPORT

5. The standard rate of inflation, reflecting a combination of the Retail Prices Index (RPI) and Consumer Prices Index (CPI), identified as part of the Council process, of 12.3% is the basis of increase to the existing charges within the HSCP. As with prior years this has been rounded up or down to the nearest £0.05. The proposed treatment of each existing charge is set out below:

Service	2022/23 Charge	Proposed Change	2023/24 Proposed Charge
	£		£
Community Alarms (per week)	2.75	Increase by £0.35 (12.7%)	3.10
Meals 2 courses	4.90	Increase by £0.60 (12.2%)	5.50
Meals 3 courses	5.10	Increase by £0.60 (11.8%)	5.70
Room Hire (per day)	6.90	Increase by £0.90 (13%)	7.80
Day care Charges to Other Local Authorities (per day)	122.50	Increase by £15.10 (12.3%)	137.60
Blue Badges (per application)	20.00	No change proposed	20.00

Bonnyton Residential Care (per week)	778.50	Increase by £95.80 (12.3%)	874.30
Inclusive Support Holiday Programme (per day)	38.00	Increase by £4.70 (12.4%)	42.70

6. The proposed charges above represent a significant increase for individuals, Bonnyton House in particular where the weekly increase will be £95.80, however there will be some mitigation as individual financial assessments will determine the ability to pay the increased fee. It is likely we will see an increase in fees across the care home market in 2023.

7. The proposed contribution level for Individual Budgets was previously agreed at 5% of the chargeable element of the budget. Where an individual budget is in place the contribution will supersede any charge for individual aspects of a care package listed above. This was not implemented pre pandemic and the review of the Individual Budget calculator was postponed during the pandemic. This work is included as a project within the IJB Recovery and Renewal Programme and will need to take cognisance of the revised Self Directed Support guidance to be published by the Scottish Government, expected in the autumn. The current National Care Service seems likely to determine policy changes around non-residential charging along with national eligibility criteria. After considering the likely level of income this would generate compared to the individual impact in the current economic climate, combined with the time and resource that it would take to implement the IJB agreed the contribution element should not be implemented.

8. The HSCP has a non-residential care charging policy in place to support the charges above. This was reviewed and agreed by the IJB at its meeting on 21st September 2022.

FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY

9. All financial issues are included in the report above. The proposed charges, as set out in the table above, could generate a potential £101,030 income when the uplifts are applied to income budgets; in real terms the income achieved will likely be significantly lower as this will be linked to the ability to pay and is also dependent on service delivery and demand.

CONSULTATION

10. A full consultation and equalities impact assessment were undertaken prior to implementation of the Individual Budget proposals and any revision to the calculator will require a further equalities impact assessment.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

11. The setting of fees and charges remains a responsibility of East Renfrewshire Council under the legislation.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS

12. A full equalities impact assessment was undertaken as part of the development of the Individual Budget implementation.

13. There are no implications in relation to staffing, property, legal, sustainability or IT as part of this paper.

CONCLUSIONS

14. The proposed increases to existing charges are in line with inflation however there

needs to be recognition that the income that may be generated is subject to the ability to pay, through financial assessment.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

IJB 21.09.2022 – Charging for Services

https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/media/8152/IJB-Item-10-21-September-2022/pdf/IJB_Item_10_-_21_September_2022.pdf?m=637983202026730000

CABINET 25.11.2021 - HSCP Charging for Services

https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/media/7119/Cabinet-item-11-ii-25-November-2021/pdf/Cabinet_item_11ii_-_25_November_2021.pdf?m=63772313585770000

CABINET 26.11.2020 - HSCP Charging for Services

https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/media/4321/Cabinet-item-3-ii-26-November-2020/pdf/Cabinet_Item_03ii_-_26_November_2020.pdf?m=637408859836370000

CABINET 28.11.2019 - HSCP Charging for Services

https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/media/2157/Cabinet-Item-03-v-28-November-2019/pdf/Cabinet_Item_03v_-_28_November_2019.pdf?m=637350899335870000

IJB 26.06.2019 - Individual Budget Update

https://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/media/2262/Integration-Joint-Board-Item-11-26-June-2019/pdf/Integration_Joint_Board_Item_11_-_26_June_2019.pdf?m=637351721070000000

IJB 27.06.2018 - Individual Budgets Self Directed Support Update

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