

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to:	Executive
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Subject:	Community based Non-residential Social Care Services – 2019/20 Fees & Charges
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Local Members:	All members

A –Recommendation/s and reason/s

1. Background

- 1.1 It is usual practice to review the charges in respect of domiciliary services annually to coincide with Central Government revision of benefit and pension levels,
- 1.2 The report sets out community based non-residential social care fees and charges for 2019/20 in accordance with the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014.

2. Home Care Services:

- 2.1 Following the changes to home care fee agreed by the Executive in February 2017, we propose to continue to use this model for 2019/20.

Table 1 – Home Care Charges 2019/20

If you are above pension age with a current weekly income of £242.51 or above in 2019/20:	Weekly charges	If you are below pension age with a current weekly income of £161.89 or above in 2019/120
If your income is below £247.50 per week	NO CHARGE	If your income is below £166.88 per week
If your income is between:		If your income is between:

£247.51 - £252.50	£5.00	£166.89 - £171.87
£252.51 - £254.89	£10.00	£171.88 - £174.27
£254.90 - £257.50	£12.39	£174.28 - £176.88
£257.51 - £262.50	£15.00	£176.89 - £181.88
£262.51 - £267.50	£20.00	£181.89 - £186.88
£267.51 - £272.50	£25.00	£186.89 - £191.88
£272.51 - £277.50	£30.00	£191.89 - £196.88
£277.51 - £282.50	£35.00	£196.89 - £201.88
£282.51 - £287.50	£40.00	£201.89 - £206.88
£287.51 - £292.50	£45.00	£206.89 - £211.88
£292.51 - £297.50	£50.00	£211.89 - £216.88
£297.51 - £302.50	£55.00	£216.89 - £221.88
£302.51 - £307.50	£60.00	£221.89 - £226.88
£307.51 - £312.50	£65.00	£226.89 - £231.88
£312.51 - £317.50	£70.00	£231.89 - £236.88
£317.51 - £322.50	£75.00	£236.89 - £241.88
£322.51 - £327.50	£80.00	£241.89 - £246.88
£327.51 - £332.50	£85.00	£246.89 - £251.88
Income at or above £332.51 or savings above £24,000.00	£90.00	Income at or above £251.89 or savings above £24,000.00

A further increase of £90 could be implemented by Welsh Government (subject to confirmation)

In 2019/20, the department will be extending the charging policy to individuals with a Learning Disability in line with the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014. The service is currently engaging with effected individuals on the changes.

3. Meals in Day Services

This charge applies to meals and refreshments supplied at all Day Service locations.

The following principles are proposed:-

- Apply a 3% increase in respect of the provision of all meals/refreshments.

The following table summarises the charges which was agreed by the executive in December.

Table 3 : Provision of Meals 2019/20 Proposed Charges

	2018/19 Charges	2019/20 (Proposed Charges)
Meals in Day Services for adults (excluding people with Learning Disability)	£5.90	£6.10
Mid-day snack in day services for people with Learning Disability	£2.40	£2.50
Other refreshments (tea/coffee/cake) in day services	£1.30	£1.40

**2019/20 Proposed Charges have been rounded to the nearest 10p in order to reduce administration.*

4.0 Telecare Charges

The following factors must be taken into account when determining a fair charge for the Telecare service:

- Local Authority Contribution to the Regional Monitoring Galw Gofal Service;
- Maintenance charges;
- Telecare equipment costs;
- Finance and Administration costs;
- Installation costs;
- Costs of recycling equipment;
- Costs of bi annual Health & Safety visual checks ;
- Impact on current business.
- Transformation of Adults' Services.

Telecare : 2019/20 Proposed Charges

For 2019/20, we recommend a 3% increase on the fees.

Table 4: Telecare 2019/20 Proposed Charges

<p>Tier 1 Equipment, service and maintenance (unit, pendant and smoke alarm)</p>	<p>Everyone will be paying £46.60 per quarter. (£3.58 a week)</p>
<p>Tier 2 & 3 Equipment, service, monitoring and Maintenance (Equipment other than unit, pendant and smoke alarm)</p>	<p>Everyone will be paying £92.93 per quarter. (£7.14 a week)</p>

Telecare Annual Charges Apply a 3% increase for 2019/20 as stated in table 5.

Table 5 – Telecare Annual Charges for 2019/20

	2018/19 Charges	2019/20 (Proposed Charges)
Service and Maintenance	£107.55	£110.80
Services Only	£69.50	£71.60
One Off Installation	£43.00	£44.30

Proposed (Gross rounded to nearest 5p)

There will be changes to supported people part funding and fully funded packages. Funding from Supported People has been withdrawn and the proposal is that individuals will be charged as outlined in table 4.

5.0 Direct Payments

Direct Payments enable individuals to independently purchase services that the Local Authority would otherwise have provided. Direct Payments support independent living by enabling individuals to make their own decisions and have control over their own lives. In Wales, the Scheme has gradually been extended to include:-

- Older People

- Carers
- Parents of Children with Disabilities
- Adults with Disabilities

An hourly Direct Payment rate of £11.30 was set for 2018/19. We recommend that this fee is to continue for 2019/20.

Modernisation of Blue Badge Scheme in Wales

It is recommended that a charge of £10 / badge levied in respect of organisational and replacement badges (lost / stolen) be levied for 2019/12.

Purchasing Day Care Services in Independent Residential Care Homes

The charge for purchasing day services was £32.21 in 2018/19. We propose to increase the fee by 3% to £33.18 to be consistent with increases in council charges. This increase will help to ensure the sustainability and continuation of day care services purchased from independent residential care homes, and in order to meet the individual needs of service users.

Domiciliary Care Fees

At present, adult social care commission domiciliary care from the independent sectors following a tender exercise in 2018, the island is currently split into 3 patches for older people Domiciliary Care. Fee increase for these providers will be dealt with under the terms of that contract.

In relation to Learning Disability domiciliary care the fees will be set as follows:

Care package over one hour of services care will be paid £15.91 and under one hour will be £16.86.

Recommendations

The Executive Committee is requested to approve the:-

R1 Home care charges outlined in table 1

R2 Charges for Telecare services as outlined in table 4.

Tier 1 everyone will be paying £46.60

Tier 2 & 3 everyone will be paying £92.93

R3 Charges for Telecare Annual Charges as outlined in table 5

Services and Maintenance £110.80

Services Only £71.60

One off Installation £44.30

R4 Rate for Direct Payments at £11.30/hour

R5 Maintain a charge of £10.00 for the administration in relation to blue Badge requests and replacements as outlined

R6 Increase the fee for purchasing day care services in independent residential homes by 3% to £33.18

R7 Agree to an increase in fees paid for commissioned domiciliary care for Learning disability Care package over one hour of services care will be paid £15.91, and under 1 hour will be £16.86.

B – What other options did you consider and why did you reject them and/or opt for this option?

The options noted are consistent with the councils overall approach to fees and charges in 2019/20.

C – Why is this a decision for the Executive?

Decisions on fees and charges have financial implications for the Local Authority's budget in terms of income received and the affordability of payments made in the prevailing financial climate.

CH – Is this decision consistent with policy approved by the full Council?

Yes

D – Is this decision within the budget approved by the Council?

DD – Who did you consult?

What did they say?

1	Chief Executive / Senior Leadership Team (SLT) (mandatory)	Presented to SLT on 21/1/2019, no further comments
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2	Finance / Section 151 (mandatory)	Presented to SLT on 21/1/2019, no further comments
3	Legal / Monitoring Officer (mandatory)	Presented to SLT on 21/1/2019, no further comments
4	Human Resources (HR)	n/a
5	Property	n/a
6	Information Communication Technology (ICT)	n/a
7	Procurement	n/a
8	Scrutiny	n/a
9	Local Members	n/a
10	Any external bodies / other/s	n/a

E – Risks and any mitigation (if relevant)		
1	Economic	n/a
2	Anti-poverty	n/a
3	Crime and Disorder	n/a
4	Environmental	n/a
5	Equalities	n/a
6	Outcome Agreements	n/a
7	Other	n/a

F - Appendices:

FF - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):