

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Report to:	Executive
Date:	01/03/2021
Subject:	COMMUNITY BASED NON-RESIDENTIAL SOCIAL CARE SERVICES – 2021/2022 FEES AND CHARGES
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Local Members:	All members
A –Recommendation/s and reason/s	
<p>1. Background</p> <p>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,</p> <p>The report sets out community based non-residential social care fees and charges for 2021/2022 in accordance with the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014.</p> <p>2. Home Care Services:</p> <p><u>Home Care Charges 2021/2022</u></p> <p>We are awaiting confirmation from Welsh Government of the maximum charge as per legislation. We will charge up to the maximum amount permitted.</p> <p>3. Telecare Charges</p> <p>The following factors must be taken into account when determining a fair charge for the Telecare service:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. <p>For 2021/22, we recommend a 3% increase on the fees.</p>	

Table A: Telecare 2021/22 Proposed Charges

Tier 1 Equipment, service and maintenance (unit, pendant and smoke alarm)	Everyone will be paying £49.41 per quarter. (£3.80 a week)
Tier 2 & 3 Equipment, service, monitoring and Maintenance (Equipment other than unit, pendant and smoke alarm)	Everyone will be paying £98.42 per quarter. (£7.57 a week)

Telecare Annual Charges Apply a 3% increase for 2021/22 as stated in table B.

Table B – Telecare Annual Charges for 2021/22

	2020/21	2021/2022 (Proposed Charges)
Service and Maintenance	£114.12	£117.54
Services Only	£73.76	£75.97
One Off Installation	£45.63	£47.00

4. 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 £11.65 was set for 2020/21. In light of the increase in national living wage we propose to increase this to £11.89 for 2021/2022.

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 2021/22.

Purchasing Day Care Services in Independent Residential Care Homes

The charge for purchasing day services was £34.18 in 2020/21. We propose to increase the fee for 2021/22 by 3% to £35.21 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 three patches for older people domiciliary care. Fee increase for these providers will be dealt with under the terms of that contract.

Recommendations

The Executive Committee is requested to approve the following:-

R1 Charges for Telecare services as outlined in table A.

Tier 1 everyone will be paying £49.41

Tier 2 & 3 everyone will be paying £98.42

R2 Charges for Telecare Annual Charges as outlined in table B

Services and Maintenance £117.54

Services Only £75.97

One off Installation £47.00

R3 Rate for Direct Payments at £11.89/hour

R4 Maintain a charge of £10.00 for the administration in relation to blue Badge requests and replacements as outlined

R5 Increase the fee for purchasing day care services in independent residential homes by 3% to £35.21

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 2020/21.

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?		
Yes		
DD – Who did you consult?		What did they say?
1	Chief Executive / Senior Leadership Team (SLT) (mandatory)	The fee increases were considered and supported by the SLT
2	Finance / Section 151 (mandatory)	Co-Author of the report
3	Legal / Monitoring Officer (mandatory)	Monitoring Officer is a member of the SLT and her comments were considered by the SLT
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:		
n/a		
FF - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):		
n/a		

