

**ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL**

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Executive</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>19/02/2018</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Community based Non-residential Social Care Services – 2018/19 Fees &amp; Charges</b>
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<b>Local Members:</b>	<b>All members</b>

**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 2018/19 in accordance with the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014.

**2. Home Care Services:**

- 2.1 Following the changes to home care made by the Executive in February 2017, we propose to continue to use this model for 2018/19.

**Table 1 – Home Care Charges 2018/19**

<b>If you are above pension age with a current weekly income of £236.35 or above in 2018/19:</b>	<b>Weekly charges</b>	<b>If you are below pension age with a current weekly income of £160.59 or above in 2018/19:</b>
If your income is below £241.34 per week	<b>NO CHARGE</b>	If your income is below £165.58 per week
<b>If your income is between:</b>		<b>If your income is between:</b>

£241.35 - £246.34	<b>£5.00</b>	£165.59 - £170.58
£246.35 - £248.59	<b>£10.00</b>	£170.59 - £172.83
£248.60 - £251.34	<b>£12.25</b>	£172.84 - £175.58
£251.35 - £256.34	<b>£15.00</b>	£175.59 - £180.58
£256.35 - £261.34	<b>£20.00</b>	£180.59 - £185.58
£261.35 - £266.34	<b>£25.00</b>	£185.59 - £190.58
£266.35 - £271.34	<b>£30.00</b>	£190.59 - £195.58
£271.35 - £276.34	<b>£35.00</b>	£195.59 - £200.58
£276.35 - £281.34	<b>£40.00</b>	£200.59 - £205.58
£281.35 - £286.34	<b>£45.00</b>	£205.59 - £210.58
£286.35 - £294.19	<b>£50.00</b>	£210.59 - £218.43
£294.20 - £296.34	<b>£57.85</b>	£218.44 - £220.58
£296.35 - £301.34	<b>£60.00</b>	£220.59 - £225.58
£301.35 - £306.34	<b>£65.00</b>	£225.59 - £230.58
£306.35 - £311.34	<b>£70.00</b>	£230.59 - £235.58
£311.35 - £316.34	<b>£75.00</b>	£235.59 - £240.58
Income at or above £316.35 or savings above £24,000.00	<b>£80.00</b>	Income at or above £240.59 or savings above £24,000.00

For 2018/19 the Welsh Government has increased the maximum home care charge from £70 to £80 per week which has been reflected in the table 1 .

### **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 proposed charges.

**Table 3 : Provision of Meals 2018/19 Proposed Charges**

	2017/18 Charges	2018/19 (Proposed Charges)
Meals in Day Services for adults (excluding people with Learning Disability)	£5.70	£5.90*
Mid-day snack in day services for people with Learning Disability	£2.30	£2.40*
Other refreshments (tea/coffee/cake) in day services	£1.30	£1.30*

*\*2018/19 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 : 2018/19 Proposed Charges

Historical charging arrangements mean that by now Anglesey Council is charging people different amounts for the same levels of support which isn't fair and consistent for all. The executive made a decision in February 2017 to harmonise these fees over 2 years. For 2018/19 we will keep to the 2017/18 charges in order to harmonise the fees.

**Table 4: Telecare 2018/19 Proposed Charges**

<b>Tier 1</b> Equipment, service and maintenance (unit, pendant and smoke alarm)	Everyone will be paying £45.24 per quarter  (£3.48 a week)
<b>Tier 2 &amp; 3</b> Equipment, service, monitoring and Maintenance (Equipment other than unit, pendant and smoke alarm)	Everyone will be paying £90.22 per quarter  (£6.94 a week)

Telecare Annual Charges Apply a 3% increase for 2018/19 as stated in table 5

**Table 5 – Telecare Annual Charges for 2017/18**

	2017/18 Charges	2018/19 (Proposed Charges)
Service and Maintenance	£104.44	£107.55
Services Only	£67.49	£69.50
One Off Installation	£41.74	£43.00

Proposed (Gross rounded to nearest 5p)

There is no change to supported people part funding and fully funded packages. A review is currently been undertaken in conjunction with the housing department. Any recommendations following this review will be submitted to the executive in due course.

### **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 £10.50 was set for 2017/18. Following a review of this rate, it will increase to £11.30 in 2018/19 to reflect the changes in legislation in reaction to living wage and pensions' changes.

### **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 2018/19.

### **Purchasing Day Care Services in Independent Residential Care Homes**

The charge for purchasing day services was £31.28 in 2017/18. We propose to increase the fee by 3% to £32.21 to be consistent with increases in council charges in 2018/19. 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 at a unit cost of £15.90 per hour or part thereof. Following a review of this, we propose to increase to £16.53 as an interim rate until the new older people contracts have been implemented. Rates will differ for each patch following this tender.

The department is currently considering the domiciliary care rate set for Continuous Support by providers ( primarily Project Work Support for disabled clients) through the North Wales Domiciliary Care Tender and the impact of these rates on overall costs. A decision on whether to adopt these rates or set our own will be published in due course.

### **Recommendations**

The Executive Committee is requested to approve the:-

R1 Home care charges outlined in table 1

R2 Charges for meals in day services outlined in table 3.

Meals in Day Services for adults (excluding people with Learning Disability) - £5.85

Mid-day Snack in day services for people with Learning Disability - £2.35

Other refreshments (team/coffee/cake) in day services - £1.35

R3 Charges for Telecare services as outlined in table 4.

Tier 1 everyone will be paying £45.24

Tier 2 & 3 everyone will be paying £90.22

R4 Charges for Telecare Annual Charges as outlined in table 5

Services and Maintenance £107.55  
Services Only £69.50  
One off Installation £43.00

R5 Rate for Direct Payments at £11.30/hour

R6 Maintain a charge of £10.00 for the administration in relation to blue Badge requests and replacements as outlined

R8 Increase the fee for purchasing day care services in independent residential homes by 5% to £32.21

R9 Agree to an increase in fees paid for commissioned domiciliary care from £15.90 to £16.53 per hour as an interim rate.

**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 2017/18.

**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?**

<b>1</b>	<b>Chief Executive / Senior Leadership Team (SLT)</b> (mandatory)	Presented to SLT on 22/1/2016, no further comments
<b>2</b>	<b>Finance / Section 151</b> (mandatory)	Presented to SLT on 22/1/2016, no further comments
<b>3</b>	<b>Legal / Monitoring Officer</b> (mandatory)	Presented to SLT on 22/1/2016, no further comments
<b>4</b>	<b>Human Resources (HR)</b>	n/a
<b>5</b>	<b>Property</b>	n/a
<b>6</b>	<b>Information Communication Technology (ICT)</b>	n/a
<b>7</b>	<b>Procurement</b>	n/a
<b>8</b>	<b>Scrutiny</b>	n/a
<b>9</b>	<b>Local Members</b>	n/a
<b>10</b>	<b>Any external bodies / other/s</b>	n/a

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

<b>F - Appendices:</b>

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

