

<b>ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Executive</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>3 March 2022</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Community based Non-residential Social Care Services – 2022/2023 Fees &amp; Charges</b>
<b>Portfolio Holder(s):</b>	<b>Councillor Llinos Medi Huws</b>
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<b>Local Members:</b>	<b>All Members</b>
<b>A –Recommendation/s and reason/s</b>	
<p><b>1. Background</b></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 2022/2023 in accordance with the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014.</p> <p><b>2. Home Care Services:</b></p> <p><b><u>Home Care Charges 2022/2023</u></b></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><b>3. Telecare Charges</b></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"> <li>- Local Authority Contribution to the Regional Monitoring Galw Gofal Service;</li> <li>- Maintenance charges;</li> <li>- Telecare equipment costs;</li> <li>- Finance and Administration costs;</li> <li>- Installation costs;</li> <li>- Costs of recycling equipment;</li> <li>- Costs of bi annual Health &amp; Safety visual checks;</li> <li>- Impact on current business;</li> <li>- Transformation of Adults’ Services.</li> </ul> <p>For 2022/23, we recommend a 3% increase in the fees.</p>	

**Table A: Telecare 2022/23 Proposed Charges**

<b>Tier 1</b> Equipment, service and maintenance (unit, pendant and smoke alarm)	Everyone will be paying £50.83 per quarter. (£3.91 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 £101.27 per quarter. (£7.79 a week)

Telecare Annual Charges apply a 3% increase for 2022/23, as stated in Table B.

**Table B – Telecare Annual Charges for 2022/23**

	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/2023 (Proposed Charges)</b>
Service and Maintenance	£117.54	£121.07
Services Only	£75.97	£78.25
One Off Installation	£47.00	£48.41

#### **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 £11.89 per hour was set for 2021/22. In light of the increase in the Real Living wage we propose to increase this to £13.10 per hour for 2022/2023.

#### **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 2022/23.

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

The charge for purchasing day services was £35.21 in 2021/22. We propose to increase the fee for 2022/23 by 6.73% to £37.58, this uplift is in line with increase in costs for external residential care services. 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. Terms of the contract stipulate that we must allow for statutory increases in legislation, this equates to an increase of £1.36 per hour as a result of the increase from the Living Wage to the Real Living Wage and Employer National Insurance in 2022/23.

## Meals in Day Services

For 2022/23, we recommend a 3% increase on the fees (rounded up to the nearest £0.05).

**Table C – Meals in Day Services Charges for 2022/23**

	2021/22	2022/2023 (Proposed Charges)
Meals in Day Services for adults (excluding people with learning disabilities)	£6.40	£6.60
Mid-day snack in Day Services for people with learning disabilities	£2.70	£2.80
Other refreshments (tea / coffee/ cake) in Day Services	£1.50	£1.55

## Recommendations

The Executive is requested to approve the following:-

**R1** Charges for Telecare services as outlined in Table A:-

Tier 1 - everyone will be paying **£50.83** per quarter

Tier 2 & 3 - everyone will be paying **£101.27** per quarter

**R2** Charges for Telecare Annual Charges as outlined in Table B:-

Services and Maintenance **£121.07**

Services Only **£78.25**

One off Installation **£48.41**

**R3** Rate for Direct Payments at **£13.10**/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 6.73% to **£37.58**.

**R6** Increase Domiciliary Care fees by **£1.36** per hour to comply with new legislation.

**R7** Charges for Meals in Day Services fees as outlined in Table C:-

Meals in Day Services for adults (excluding people with learning disabilities) - **£6.60**

Mid-day snack in Day Services for people with learning disabilities - **£2.80**

Other refreshments (tea / coffee/ cake) in Day Services - **£1.55**

**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 Council's overall approach to fees and charges in previous years.

**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 – Assessing the potential impact (if relevant):**

1	How does this decision impact on our long term needs as an Island?	Not applicable
2	Is this a decision which it is envisaged will prevent future costs / dependencies on the Authority? If so, how?	No
3	Have we been working collaboratively with other organisations to come to this decision? If so, please advise whom	Not applicable
4	Have Anglesey citizens played a part in drafting this way forward, including those directly affected by the decision? Please explain how.	Not applicable
5	Note any potential impact that this decision would have on the groups protected under the Equality Act 2010.	Not applicable
6	If this is a strategic decision, note any potential impact that the decision would have on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage.	
7	Note any potential impact that this decision would have on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.	No impact on the Welsh Language.

<b>E - Who did you consult?</b>		<b>What did they say?</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Chief Executive / Strategic Leadership Team (SLT)</b> (mandatory)	
<b>2</b>	<b>Finance / Section 151</b> (mandatory)	
<b>3</b>	<b>Legal / Monitoring Officer</b> (mandatory)	
<b>4</b>	<b>Human Resources (HR)</b>	Not applicable
<b>5</b>	<b>Property</b>	Not applicable
<b>6</b>	<b>Information Communication Technology (ICT)</b>	Not applicable
<b>7</b>	<b>Scrutiny</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Local Members</b>	Not applicable
<b>9</b>	<b>Any external bodies / other/s</b>	Not applicable
<b>F - Appendices:</b>		
None		
<b>FF - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):</b>		
None		