

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to:	Executive
Date:	20th February 2024
Subject:	Local Authority Homes for Older People – Setting the Standard Charge 2024/25
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Local Members:	All Members

A –Recommendation/s and reason/s

The Local Authority needs to set the level of its Standard Charge for local authority care homes for the year April 2024 – March 2025.

In previous years, the cost of all the Council’s homes (excluding Garreglwyd, which is deemed a specialist service provision) were pooled together to calculate an average standard charge for the homes in accordance with National Guidance.

In 2023/24, the Standard Charge was calculated at £863.30 per week, based on an occupancy rate of 94% across the 4 in-house residential homes (excluding Garreglwyd).

As Plas Crigyll is now predominantly an EMI provision, we have opted to exclude this setting from our calculations when setting the fee for 2024/25. The fee for 2024/25 has been calculated by pooling together the running costs of the three Residential Homes (Brwynog, Haulfre and Plas Mona).

Caution should be taken if the standard charge is compared with that of other authorities since, despite guidance, other authorities may not have calculated the charge on exactly the same basis.

The following table calculates the estimated cost per resident week for the year to 31 March 2025, based on 2023/24 occupancy levels and running costs from 2023/24 plus inflationary increases.

Number of Beds Available	77
Estimated Occupancy Rate based on 2023/24 data	93.00%
Estimated Number of Resident Weeks based on 2023/24 data	3,734

	Forecasted Running Costs 2024/25 £	Standard Charge 2024/25 £	Standard Charge 2023/24 £
Estimated Running Costs for 2024/25, based on 2023/24 running costs + inflation	3,109,622	832.80	767.49
Add - Depreciation charge	199,963	53.55	54.56
- Support Services	154,653	41.42	41.25
TOTAL	3,464,238	927.77	863.30
Increase compared to the standard charge in 2023/24	7.47%		£64.47

Based on the above table, the estimated cost per resident week for the year to 31 March 2025 is £927.77.

The estimated cost per resident week for the year to 31 March 2025 is higher when compared to the estimated cost for the year to 31 March 2024. This is as a result of inflationary increases and reduction in occupancy rates.

Recommendation

R1 - It is recommended that the full cost of the service is charged, which is **£927.77** per week.

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

The setting of the standard charge follows a prescribed method which does not allow for options to be considered. It is possible for the Executive to set a fee which differs from the Standard Charge. Charging less than the standard charge results in the Council subsidising the cost of care of clients who have been identified as having the financial means to pay the full cost of their care. As a result, the option has been discounted.

C – Why is this a decision for the Executive?

Local Authorities are required under Section 22 of the National Assistance Act 1948, to set the Standard Charge for their homes.

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

This decision is consistent with National Policy as outlined in section C above.

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?	The setting of the fee will only impact on a small number of clients who pay the full cost of their care. This decision will have minimal impact on the long term needs of the Island.
2	Is this a decision which it is envisaged will prevent future costs / dependencies on the Authority? If so, how?	The decision eliminates the subsidy that the Council provides to those clients that have been identified as having the means to pay for their full cost of care.
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.	The decision would impact on the clients who have been assessed as having the means to pay for their full cost of care. These are not a group that are 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.
E - Who did you consult?		What did they say?
1	Chief Executive / Leadership Team (LT) (mandatory)	
2	Finance / Section 151 (mandatory)	
3	Legal / Monitoring Officer (mandatory)	
4	Human Resources (HR)	Not applicable
5	Property	Not applicable
6	Information Communication Technology (ICT)	Not applicable
7	Scrutiny	
8	Local Members	Not applicable
9	Any external bodies / other/s	Not applicable
F - Appendices:		
None		
FF - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):		
None		