

### **3 DIRECT PAYMENTS - REVISION OF RATES (AN281-2007)**

Since 1st June, 2003 the Council has had a duty to make available Direct Payments which allow people to receive money from the Social Work Department to arrange and purchase their own services to meet their assessed needs.

In August 2004 Social Work Committee agreed the rates to be used to calculate the value of a Direct Payment, and also when calculating the contribution an individual should make towards the cost of their service.

In addition the Social Work Committee agreed the Social Care Support rates to be used to calculate the value of personal care provision where the service user has made their own arrangements to procure this provision.

Following completion of the re-tendering of the block domiciliary care contract it is now appropriate to revise these rates accordingly. It is therefore recommended that Social Work Committee agrees the following revised rates to take effect from 1st January 2008

Practical Support £8.28 per hour (previous rate £7.46per hour).

Social Care Support

- (a) Service procured through a provider holding a block contract with Dundee City Council – rate equivalent to the contract rate paid to that provider by Dundee City Council.
- (b) Service provided through any other provider or by employment of a Personal Assistant – rate £11.00 per hour (previous rate £10.00 per hour)