

5 DUNDEE COMMUNITY LIVING CHARGES (AN490-2004)

Dundee Community Living provides a support and care service to 19 adults with learning disabilities living in seven houses in the city.

The service was previously a registered care service. Following the implementation of Supporting People in April 2003 the service has been deregistered as a care home and is now registered under the categories of Housing Support Service and Support Service - Care at Home. Service users now have their own tenancies and are able to access the full range of welfare benefits, including Housing Benefit. They also have a service contract with Dundee Community Living.

The Council now needs to set charges for the two elements of the service provided. Charges have been calculated for 2004/05 and it is proposed that these be implemented from 1 January 2005.

Proposed Charges

Care service - £372 per week
Support service - £938 per week

All support services are free to people in receipt of Housing Benefit. All current service users are in receipt of Housing Benefit. The contribution to care service charges is calculated using the Council's non-residential care charging policy, which takes an income maximisation approach and is based on ability to pay.

The Committee is asked to approve the above charges, to take effect from 1 January 2005.