

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE - 20TH MAY 2013

**REPORT ON: STANDARD CHARGES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY RESIDENTIAL UNITS
2013-14**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

REPORT NO: 227 - 2013

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report recommends the level of standard charge to be applied in 2013-14 for local authority residential accommodation for adults and older people.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Social Work and Health Committee agrees standard charges for local authority residential accommodation as laid out in Appendix 1.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The effect of the adoption of these recommended standard charges have been incorporated into the Social Work Department's Revenue Budget 2013-14.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 The local authority is required by statute to review its charges for residential accommodation for adults and older people each year. The method of calculating charges is prescribed by regulation and guidance and results in a full economic cost being calculated, including overheads and depreciation.

4.2 Each resident has a full assessment of their financial circumstances each year, which determines the amount they are required to contribute to the cost of their care. Only those residents with savings in excess of £25,250 or significant weekly income pay the full standard charge for their care. At present seven residents pay the full standard charge. Every resident retains at least £23.90 per week in personal allowance.

4.3 Any placements made by other local authorities to these units will be charges at the fee rates noted in Appendix 1.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

5.2 An Equality Impact Assessment is attached to this report.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted in preparation of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

Jennifer G Tocher
Director of Social Work

Date: 8th May 2013

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the following standard charges be applied from April 2013: -

	£ per week from April 2012	£ per week from April 2013
Residential Homes for Older People	843	843
Elmgrove House*	1,500	1,500
Whitetop Centre Respite Unit	2,760	2,795
Mackinnon Centre Respite Unit**	934	962

* Service users are currently decanted to alternative provision in Strathcarron House due to the redevelopment of Elmgrove. However once the redevelopment is complete, the service will change to accommodation with support and will no longer be classed as a care home therefore the standard charge will no longer apply.

** Mackinnon Centre closed for refurbishment during 2012/13 therefore previous charge relates to 2011/12.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT TOOL

Part 1: Description/Consultation

Is this a Rapid Equality Impact Assessment (RIAT)?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is this a Full Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Date of Assessment:	01/05/2013	Committee Report Number: 227-2013
Title of document being assessed:	Standard Charges for Residential Units 2013/14	
1. This is a new policy, procedure, strategy or practice being assessed (If yes please check box) <input type="checkbox"/>	This is an existing policy, procedure, strategy or practice being assessed? (If yes please check box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. Please give a brief description of the policy, procedure, strategy or practice being assessed.	Report advises elected members of the standard charges to be applied for Dundee City Residential Units	
3. What is the intended outcome of this policy, procedure, strategy or practice?	To agree the standard charges for 2013/14 as required by statute	
4. Please list any existing documents which have been used to inform this Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment.	n/a	
5. Has any consultation, involvement or research with protected characteristic communities informed this assessment? If yes please give details.	No – the local authority is required by statute to review its charges each year and the	
6. Please give details of council officer involvement in this assessment. (e.g. names of officers consulted, dates of meetings etc)	Dave Berry	
7. Is there a need to collect further evidence or to involve or consult protected characteristics communities on the impact of the proposed policy? (Example: if the impact on a community is not known what will you do to gather the information needed and when will you do this?)	No –charges are applied based on an individuals ability to pay	

Part 2: Protected Characteristics

Which protected characteristics communities will be positively or negatively affected by this policy, procedure or strategy?

NB Please place an X in the box which best describes the "overall" impact. It is possible for an assessment to identify that a positive policy can have some negative impacts and visa versa. When this is the case please identify both positive and negative impacts in Part 3 of this form.

If the impact on a protected characteristic communities are not known please state how you will gather evidence of any potential negative impacts in box Part 1 section 7 above.

	Positively	Negatively	No Impact	Not Known
Ethnic Minority Communities including Gypsies and Travellers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender Reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion or Belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People with a disability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Age	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Socio-economic	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy & Maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 3: Impacts/Monitoring

<p>1. Have any positive impacts been identified?</p> <p>(We must ensure at this stage that we are not achieving equality for one strand of equality at the expense of another)</p>	<p>Statutory payments for free personal care ensure that self funding individuals over the age of 65 don't pay the full cost of care.</p>
<p>2. Have any negative impacts been identified?</p> <p>(Based on direct knowledge, published research, community involvement, customer feedback etc. If unsure seek advice from your departmental Equality Champion.)</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>3. What action is proposed to overcome any negative impacts?</p> <p>(e.g. involving community groups in the development or delivery of the policy or practice, providing information in community languages etc. See Good Practice on DCC equalities web page)</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>4. Is there a justification for continuing with this policy even if it cannot be amended or changed to end or reduce inequality without compromising its intended outcome?</p> <p>(If the policy that shows actual or potential unlawful discrimination you must stop and seek legal advice)</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>5. Has a 'Full' Equality Impact Assessment been recommended?</p> <p>(If the policy is a major one or is likely to have a major impact on protected characteristics communities a Full Equality Impact Assessment may be required. Seek advice from your departmental Equality lead.)</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>6. How will the policy be monitored?</p> <p>(How will you know it is doing what it is intended to do? e.g. data collection, customer survey etc.)</p>	<p>Demand and occupancy levels for these services are monitored regularly therefore any impact on demand caused by levels of fees will be identified.</p>

Part 4: Contact Information

Name of Department or Partnership	Social Work
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Type of Document	
Human Resource Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
General Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strategy/Service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Change Papers/Local Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guidelines and Protocols	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Date of Next Policy Review:	