

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE – 19 MAY 2003

REPORT ON: STANDARD CHARGES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY RESIDENTIAL UNITS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

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1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report recommends the level of standard charge to be applied in 2003/04 for local authority residential accommodation for adults.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Adopting the recommended standard charges will have no effect on the present level of budgeted income, as no residents presently pay the full standard charge.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 The local authority is required by statute to review its charges for residential accommodation for adults 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 the cost of capital.

6.2 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 £18,500 or significant weekly income pay the full standard charge for their care. At present no residents pay the full standard charge. Every resident retains at least £17.50 per week in personal allowance.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Director of Finance and Director of Support Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

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STANDARD CHARGES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY RESIDENTIAL UNITS

It is recommended that the following standard charges be applied from April 2003:-

	£ per week from April 2003	£ per week from April 2002
Residential Homes for Older People	613	501
Maryfield Hostel	479	461
Elmgrove Hostel	1,161	1,364
Whitetop Centre Respite Unit	1,629	1,596
Mackinnon Centre Respite Unit	619	584

Notes

Residential Homes

Arising out of Report 419-2000 which gave details of the closure of St Leonard's, the ratio of staff to clients at other older people residential homes was changed to 1 to 6 from 1 to 8. Thus the unit costs increased significantly as there were fewer clients to share the overall costs which increased by just 3%.

Elmgrove Hostel

Reduction in the unit cost helped by increase in places from 10 to 12.