

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE – 17 MAY 2004

REPORT ON: STANDARD CHARGES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY RESIDENTIAL UNITS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

REPORT NO: 345 - 2004

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report recommends the level of standard charge to be applied in 2004/05 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 £19,000 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 £18.10 per week in personal allowance.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Depute Chief Executive (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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Date: 29th April 2004

STANDARD CHARGES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY RESIDENTIAL UNITS

It is recommended that the following standard charges be applied from April 2004:-

	£ per week from April 2004	£ per week from April 2003
Residential Homes for Older People	634	613
Maryfield Hostel	619	479
Elmgrove Hostel	1,208	1,161
Whitetop Centre Respite Unit	1,792	1,629
Mackinnon Centre Respite Unit	745	619

Notes

Maryfield Hostel

The increase in the weekly charge reflects the additional staff costs (272 Social Care Officer hours) that are now incurred following the extension of this service for Adults with Learning Disabilities (per Social Work Committee Report 721 / 2002).