

## **DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Social Work Committee – 26th June 2006

**REPORT ON:** Community Care Packages For Adults

**REPORT BY:** Director of Social Work

**REPORT NO:** 381 - 2006

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to delegate authority to the Director of Social Work to authorise expenditure on community care packages for adults up to proposed levels and to approve those levels.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Social Work Committee: -

- 2.1 delegates authority to the Director of Social Work to agree funding for care packages and approves the financial guidance regarding care packages as outlined in this report.
- 2.2 instruct the Director of Social Work to review the guidance annually.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 As outlined in the previous Committee Report 494-5005 report "A Framework for Services in Dundee for People with Learning Disabilities", and in other areas of adult care, there are significant pressures on the resources available in the Social Work Department revenue budget and the cost of providing the model of service delivery consistently with current and future demand for services. By introducing financial guidance around the limits to care packages there will be a more equitable distribution of those resources.

### **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The developments and services proposed within the report will facilitate people with additional support needs to continue to have their needs met in their local community and ensure a more equitable delivery of services to individuals in need as a result of their disability.

### **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The proposals will ensure more people with additional support needs feel valued, able to contribute to the community in which they live and with support, exercise their right to lead full and active lives.

## **6.0 MAIN TEXT**

### 6.1 Background

6.1.1 In 2005 the report 494-2005 "A Framework for Services for People in Dundee with a Learning Disability" was approved by the Social Work Committee. Recommendation 2.2 of this report was that the Social Work Committee instructs the Social Work Department to develop financial guidance about cost levels of care packages. In undertaking this work it has become apparent that in order to have an equitable system, set levels will need to be applied to all adult care groups with an accompanying level of cost.

### 6.2 Proposed Financial Guidance

6.2.1 While we make every effort to be equitable and fair, for all groups, there may be occasional exceptional cases where the above levels cannot be adhered to. It is proposed that such cases should be referred to the Cases Sub-Committee for approval and agreement on the financial implications prior to their implementation.

6.2.2 The first group comprises those individuals who present a significant risk either to themselves or to others. This includes people who have forensic needs or severe challenging behaviour. It is proposed that the Director of Social Work should have delegated authority to agree the cost of care packages for this group up to £1,800 per week.

6.2.3 The second group of individuals require twenty-four hour care and support from a specialist provider. It is proposed that the Director of Social Work should have delegated authority to agree the cost of care packages for this group up to £950 per week.

6.2.4 The final group of individuals can be supported in their own home with interval support and care packages. It is proposed that the Director of Social Work should have delegated authority to agree the cost of care packages for this group up to £472 per week.

6.2.5 The levels in 6.2.2 and 6.2.3 reflect the average cost of purchasing services for these high need, high priority groups. The vast majority of services to these groups are purchased from external specialist providers. The limit in 6.2.4 equates to the current maximum cost of purchasing a place in a care home, and is equivalent to the limit applied in older people's services.

## **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**

8.1 None

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