

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH COMMITTEE - 25TH JUNE 2012

REPORT ON: STANDARD CHARGES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY RESIDENTIAL UNITS 2012-13

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 2012-13 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 2012-13.

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 £24,750 or significant weekly income pay the full standard charge for their care. At present three residents pay the full standard charge. Every resident retains at least £23.50 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. There are no major issues.

5.2 An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and is available on the Council website <http://www.dundee.gov.uk/equanddiv/equimpact/>

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

Equality Impact Assessment.

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Date: 14th June 2012

APPENDIX 1

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the following standard charges be applied from April 2012: -

| | £ per week from April 2012 | £ per week from April 2011 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Residential Homes for Older People | 843 | 843 |
| Elmgrove House* | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| Whitetop Centre Respite Unit | 2,760 | 2,760 |
| Mackinnon Centre Respite Unit | n/a ** | 934 |

* Service users currently decanted to alternative provision in Strathcarron House due to redevelopment of Elmgrove

** Mackinnon Centre closed for refurbishment during 2012/13 with alternative respite arrangements to be made on an individually commissioned basis.