

#### 4 FOSTERING ALLOWANCES 2009/10 (AN105-2009)

It is recommended that the undernoted rates for 2009/10 are paid, with effect from 30th March, 2009 (the first full week for fostering payment purposes for 2009/10): -

##### ACE Carer and FEE Carer fees

These fees, as previously agreed by the Social Work Committee, are linked to staff pay scales and therefore it is recommended that these are increased in line with the equivalent points on the 2009/10 pay scales.

##### Adoption Allowances (weekly)

It is recommended that Adoption Age Allowances are also increased in line with the 2009/10 staff pay scales.

##### Link and Residence Allowances

The amount paid is the equivalent of income support rates. It is recommended that these allowances are increased in line with increases in relevant income support rates.

Report 125-2009 agreed by Social Work and Health Committee on the 23rd February, 2009 noted that the Director of Social Work and Children's Services Manager were undertaking a review of Dundee's arrangements for the fostering of looked after children. This review will include an assessment of foster carers terms and conditions within which fostering allowances and other allowances (e.g. nappies, travel reimbursement) will be considered. Pending the outcome of the review, it is recommended that the following rates be agreed in the interim period:

##### Fostering Allowances

Fostering Allowances are linked closely to Fostering Network Rates and it is recommended that these allowances are increased by 2.8% in line with the Fostering Network recommended increase, with effect from 30th March, 2009 as noted below:

	2009/10 Weekly Rate £	2008/9 Weekly Rate £
Age Allowance 00-04	118.83	115.60
Age Allowance 05-10	135.37	131.68
Age Allowance 11-15	168.51	163.92
Age Allowance 16-18	204.95	199.37

##### All Other Allowances

The following rates are recommended with effect from 30th March, 09: -

	2009/10
Custody Age Allowance 05-10	£77.72 per week
Custody Age Allowance 11-15	£96.75 per week
Nappies	£6.25 per week
Night Nappies	£3.13 per week
Multi Placement (Allowance Carers)	£8.00 per week
Mileage	34p per mile
Adult Bus Pass	£9.50 per week
Child Bus Pass	£5.70 per week