

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE – 16 APRIL 2007

REPORT ON: STANDARD CHARGES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY RESIDENTIAL UNITS

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

REPORT NO: 227 - 2007

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report recommends the level of standard charge to be applied in 2007/08 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 The effect of the adoption of these recommended standard charges have been incorporated into the Social Work Department's Revenue Budget 2007/08.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no sustainability policy implications.

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 £20,750 or significant weekly income pay the full standard charge for their care. At present only 3 out of 153 residents currently pay the full standard charge. Every resident retains at least £20.45 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

None.

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STANDARD CHARGES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY RESIDENTIAL UNITS

It is recommended that the following standard charges be applied from April 2007: -

	£ per week from April 2006	£ per week from April 2007
Residential Homes for Older People	729	744
Elmgrove Hostel	1346	1,403
Whitetop Centre Respite Unit	2252	2,290
Mackinnon Centre Respite Unit	827	851