



Haringey Council

Agenda item:

Cabinet Member

On

2008

Report Title: **Setting of Adult Community Care Services Fees and Charges 2008/09**

Report of: **Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services**

Wards(s) affected: **All**

Report for: **Cabinet Member Signing**

1. Purpose

1.1 To consider increased fees and charges for the year 2008/2009 in relation to adult social care.

2. Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member approves:

- a) the proposed fees and charges listed in Appendix A.

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Contact Officer: **Roger Hampson , Head of Finance, ACCS (Tel: 020 8489 3732)**

3. Executive Summary

3.1 Charging for community care services generates income of approximately £7m for Adult Services. The service budgets assume an increase of 2.5% as part of the Budget Setting Process for 2008/2009, already approved by members. New prices are also proposed for learning disabilities residential care and Osborne Grove nursing home.

4. Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development (if applicable)

4.1 Opening of new nursing home.

5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

5.1 Not applicable.

6. Report

6.1 This paper proposes an overall increase in line with inflation of the current fees and charges within Adult Services, plus specific increases set out in paragraphs 6.2 and 6.3 and Appendix A. The charge for these services will need to be increased in accordance with the Council's decisions for these services.

6.2 The current charge for learning disabilities residential care is £527 per week. The cost of the service is £971 per week and should be charged accordingly. This change will not effect the charges made on anyone currently receiving a service (though if someone's financial position should change, for example through an inheritance, they may become chargeable at the increased cost). There is no loss of income to the council of not charging the full cost of the service. However, in order to protect the Council in the future, the full cost charge should be increased to £971, for example in case someone comes into the service who has had a lump sum from an insurance settlement.

6.3 The Council agreed to open Osborne Grove as a nursing home, rather than the original intention of providing additional residential care. The Council is required to charge the full cost of this service. The full cost is £815 per week. This is in line with the costings presented to Executive Advisory Board in February 2007 and will be the benchmark rate charged to third parties for purchasing beds from the Council.

7. Consultation

Not applicable.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 The community care charging policy is based upon an assessment of a client's ability to pay towards the cost of their care. Clients are expected to contribute towards the full cost of their service based upon their ability to pay. The maximum charge will only be paid by full cost payers.

8.2 The adults budget includes an income assumption of £7m in respect of client contributions. This budget will be increased by 2.5% in line with inflation and based on recent performance will be achieved.

9. Recommendations

9.1 To agree charges for learning disabilities residential care and Osborne Grove nursing home as set out in Appendix A.

10. Comments of the Director of Finance

10.1. The report sets out charges for learning disabilities residential care and Osborne Grove nursing home in accord with Central Government Guidance and Regulations.

11. Comments of the Head of Legal Services

11.1 The Head of Legal Services (Ref. LEG/LIT/SBT) has been consulted on this Report.

11.2 Charges for Residential and Nursing Home Care where the primary need is social care and not health care is a means tested benefit and the Council has a duty to recover the full cost unless the resident satisfies it in accordance with Central Government Guidance and Regulations that he/she can only afford to pay a contribution. The Council can and does charge a contribution towards the cost of domiciliary care in the community in accordance with its Fairer Charging Policy. The Head of Legal Services has no observations on the proposal to increase these charges in line with inflation.

11.3 With regard to paragraph 6.3 the Council does not need the consent of the appropriate National Health Service Primary Care Trust ("NHS PCT") to place a resident in a Council nursing home (it does need consent if placing in a private nursing home) but it is important that the proper agreement is obtained from the NHS PCT before placing residents who require nursing care at Osborne Grove if the council is to lawfully recover the charges. If the resident's primary need is

for healthcare, then he/she cannot be charged for their accommodation or personal care. If the nursing care falls short of this, the nursing provision must be provided by the NHS but the resident is liable to pay the other costs in accordance with the means test.

12. Equalities Implications

- 12.1 The fees and charges apply to all residents of the borough who use the services and are structured to provide equal access by all citizens and reflect the full diversity of the community.

13. Use of Appendices / Tables / Photographs

- 13.1 The fees and charges proposed for learning disabilities residential care and Osborne Grove nursing home are as detailed on the attached Appendix to this report .

Appendix A

LIST OF FEES PAYABLE FOR ADULT SERVICES FROM 1st APRIL 2008

	Current charge	Revised charge
	£	£
	2007-08	2008-9
Description		
<i>New charges to be agreed</i>		
Learning Disabilities residential homes	527	971
Osborne Grove Nursing Home	815	815