

**MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEMBER SIGNING
MONDAY, 14 APRIL 2008**

Present: Councillor Bob Harris, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Wellbeing

MINUTE NO.	SUBJECT/DECISION	ACTION BY
1.	<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST (Agenda Item 1) There was no declaration of interest.</p>	
2.	<p>SETTING OF ADULT COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES FEES AND CHARGES 2008/9 (Report of the Director of Adult, Culture and Community Services – Agenda Item 2)</p> <p>It was noted that the report proposed an overall increase in line with inflation of the current fees and charges within Adult Services, plus specific increases outlined below and in the Appendix to the report.</p> <p>The community care charging policy was based upon an assessment of a client’s ability to pay towards the cost of their care. Clients were expected to contribute towards the full cost of their service based upon their ability to pay. The maximum charge would only be paid by full cost payers.</p> <p>The current charge for learning disabilities residential care was £527 per week while the cost of the service was £971 per week which it was now proposed to charge. This change would not effect the charges made on anyone currently receiving a service although if someone’s financial position should change they might become chargeable at the increased cost. Currently there was no loss of income to the Council by not charging the full cost of the service but in order to protect the Council interests in the future, the full cost charge should be increased to £971.</p> <p>It was also noted that consequent on the Council’s decision to open Osborne Grove as a nursing home, there was a requirement to charge the full cost of this service of £815 per week. This would be the benchmark rate charged to third parties for purchasing beds from the Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That approval be granted to the specific charges for 2008/09 for learning disabilities residential care and Osbourne Group nursing home as set out in the Appendix to these minutes.</p>	DACCS

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APPENDIX

**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