

**COUNCIL CABINET
6 SEPTEMBER 2005
MINUTE EXTRACT**

107/05 Abolition of Home Care Charges

The Council Cabinet considered a report on the abolition of home care charges.

Options Considered

No other options have been considered.

Decisions

To recommend Council to agree to

1. Abolish Home Care charges from 1 October 2005.
2. Find savings equivalent to the net income losses of £913k as part of the 2006/07 budget process, above those already planned, and to fund the part year losses in 2005/06 from corporate under-spending.

Reasons

1. To make sure that vulnerable people in need are not deterred by the charges from accessing the service.
2. To enable a higher number of service users to receive this service, maximising their independence, enabling them to remain in their own home and reducing the need for residential care.
3. To eliminate the postcode lottery between Derby and Derbyshire residents who are already receiving a free service.