



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION 3 September 2007

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Services

Direct Payments

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To retrospectively examine the report on Direct Payments considered by the Council Cabinet at their 3 July Meeting

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Direct Payment is a payment that allows service users to directly purchase and manage the care provision that they have been assessed as requiring. This can be purchased from an independent care provider or personal assistant. Where care or services are provided by a personal assistant, the service user recruits and employs the assistant which can be a friend or family member.
- 2.2 Derby currently pays an hourly rate of £10.20 for Personal Care regardless of how the service user obtains the care. However some local authorities have introduced different rates to reflect the different costs incurred dependent on whether the service is provided through a Personal Assistant or by an Agency.
- 2.3 At the 3 July meeting the Council Cabinet considered the attached report from the Corporate Director for Adult Services which proposed changes to the hourly rates. The Cabinet agreed:
- To reduce the hourly rate from £10.20 to £9.00 where service users employ a Personal Assistant
 - To increase the hourly rate from £10.20 to £10.52 where service users purchase care from a Care Agency
 - The above to take immediate effect for new service users and from October 2007
- 2.4 Members of this Commission felt that they should have been given the opportunity to examine the proposed changes in hourly rates prior to them being implemented and asked to review this report retrospectively.

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Background papers:	None
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Appendix 1

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. There are financial implications for service users as a result of the changes in hourly rates for Direct Payment.

Legal

2. None.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. Many of the recipients of Direct Payments have physical disabilities

Corporate Priorities

5. This report links with Council's priority for 2007-10 A city for all ages:
 - Helping us all to be healthy, active and independent
 - Give you excellent services and value for money.