



ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION 28 May 2008

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

Fairer Charging - Introduction

RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To consider and comment on the proposals for achieving additional income of £2m per annum as agreed by council as part of the adult social care budget strategy .

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The attached report to be considered by the Council Cabinet at its June meeting outlines the options for achieving the additional income of £2m per annum, as agreed by council as part of the budget plan. The report outlines the level of charges which are required to achieve this income, in line with Fairer Charges legislation. The introduction of charges for adult social care and community services are necessary to balance the budget set by the Council at its March 2008 meeting and will only be paid by people who can afford to pay.
- 2.2 The Council Cabinet report provides a number of options. Key points from the report are:
 - To agree a charging policy for adult social care services
 - To set hourly and weekly charges that generates net income of £500k in 2008/9 and at least £2m in a full year.
 - Proposal for a charge of £6 per hour for day services
 - Set a charge of £3 for meals and £3 for return travel to the day centres
 - To remove the upper limit for users who have savings or assets greater than £21,700 and therefore would be required to pay the full amount.
 - The cost of collection of home care services is £345k for the first year which includes the cost for undertaking a full assessment of all the services users. This reduces to £215k for subsequent years.
 - It does not propose to provide services to people who are assessed to have low level needs

- 2.3 Members are asked to consider the report and give their comments on the proposed rates for adult social care and community care services.

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Background papers:	None
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Appendix 1

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. The proposed level of charges will generate a net income of £2m for full year equivalent for the council to balance the budget agreed by the Council at its March 2008 meeting.

Legal

2. Charging process needs to meet the Fairer Charges legislation.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. Effective scrutiny will benefit all Derby people.

Corporate Priorities

5. This report links with Council's priority for 2007-10 to help us all to be healthy and independent.