



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**HOUSING AND ADVICE  
CABINET MEMBER MEETING  
26 January 2011**

# ITEM 4

Report of the Strategic Director of Adults,  
Health and Housing

## CARE LINK CHARGES

### SUMMARY

- 1.1 At its meeting of 14 December 2010, Council Cabinet agreed to delegate the implementation of specific fee and charge setting to the relevant Cabinet Member, in consultation with the relevant Strategic Director.
- 1.2 This report recommends an increase in Care Link charges, in line with the principle outlined in the December Cabinet report.

### RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Cabinet Member for Housing and Advice Services approves the increase in Care Link charges of:
  - basic rate – from £3.26 to £3.45
  - response service – from £3.71 to £3.95with effect from 14 March 2011.

### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 This proposal supports the Council's strategy to achieve a balanced budget in 2011/12.

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Care Link charges are increased on an annual basis. It is proposed that the weekly charge for the basic service is increased by 19p, from £3.26 to £3.45, and that the charge for the response service is increased by 24p, from £3.71 to £3.95.
- 4.2 Care Link customers pay for their service three months in advance. The next billing date is 14 March 2011 and, therefore, it is proposed to increase the charges from that date. Customers were notified of the potential increase with their December invoices.

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

1.1 This increase in charges will increase income to Care Link by approximately £18,000.

**Legal**

2.1 None directly arising.

**Personnel**

3.1 None directly arising.

**Equalities Impact**

4.1 None directly arising.

**Health and Safety**

5.1 None directly arising.

**Carbon commitment**

6.1 None directly arising.

**Value for money**

7.1 None directly arising.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

8.1 Corporate objective 8.1. This proposal supports the delivery of excellent services, performance and value for money.