

REPORT TO: Executive Board Sub Committee

DATE: 18 March 2010

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Health & Community

SUBJECT: 2010/11 Inflationary uplift for the Supporting People contracts

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To seek approval for the inflationary uplift of Supporting People contracts for the financial year 2010/11.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

That members of the Executive Board Sub-Committee approve a 2% inflationary uplift.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 The Supporting People programme currently funds 113 services across Halton and were services provide both care and support; Halton Borough Council has entered into a joint contract for the provision of these services.

3.2 It is proposed to award a 2% inflationary uplift on SP contracts, which is in line with the proposed increase to Adult Social Care contracts and the increase on Adult Social Care fees and charges.

3.3 The table below sets out the projected expenditure after the 2% inflationary uplift has been added for 2010/11.

Table 1

Supporting People contract values:

	09/10	2 % uplift costs for 10/11
Projected expenditure	6,855,378	6,992,486
		+137,108

3.4 The increased fees will give enable providers to plan their business

and ensure stability of provision for the service users of Halton.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Provision exists to meet any increased expenditure to providers within existing Supporting People budgets.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

Supporting People services support to vulnerable care leavers, homeless young people and teenage parents to maximise their potential for independent living and to sustain and rebuild relationships in order to remain at home.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

Supporting People services provide support to enable vulnerable clients to access education, training and employment opportunities.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

Supporting People services work with vulnerable clients to achieve their goals to achieving a healthy lifestyle, which can include for example support to maintain their mental well being, to register and attend GP and dental appointments.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

Supporting People services provide support to a number of socially excluded groups including ex-offenders, people with mental health problems, people experiencing domestic violence, homeless families and single homeless. The support offered empowers people to secure and maintain a stable home environment in which to rebuild their lives.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Approval of a 2% increase will ensure stability of provision across the social care sector.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 Increases will be applied through a transparent and equitable process.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None.