

REPORT TO: Executive Board Sub Committee
DATE: 18th March 2010
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director Health and Community
SUBJECT: Inflationary Increases for Adult Social Care 2010/11

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To present to the Executive Board Sub Committee the proposed 2010/11 inflationary increases for Adult Social Care contracts.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Board Sub Committee approve:-

- (i) **an inflationary uplift for providers of Domiciliary, Residential & Nursing contracts of 2%, which is within the inflationary allowance allocated by the Council to Social Services for 2010/11.**
- (ii) **inflationary uplifts for out-of- borough placements on a case-by-case basis, limited to the 2% HBC inflationary increase or the prevailing Local Authority rate.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Domiciliary Care

The Council have approved a 2% inflationary uplift on Social Care budgets for 2010/11. It is therefore proposed that contracts for the provision of Domiciliary Care are awarded an equivalent inflationary uplift of 2%.

3.2 Residential and Nursing Care Fees

Again, in line with the approved 2 % inflationary uplift on Social Care budgets in 2010/11, it is proposed that contracts for the provision of Residential and Nursing placements are awarded an equivalent inflationary uplift of 2%.

3.3 The new fees for residential and nursing care are stated in **Appendix 1.**

3.4 Out of Borough Placements

It is proposed that the inflationary increase applied to out of borough placements is decided on a case by case basis as follows:-

- Providers to be informed that inflationary increase will be subject to submission of a written request to HBC contracts department within a specific timeframe
- Any increase within the agreed HBC rate of 2% to be approved and applied.

Any increase above 2% to be approved by a relevant Operational Director, based on the information submitted by the provider, confirmation of the host authorities approved inflationary rate and knowledge of the ongoing need for the specific service. This is consistent with historical practice.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None identified.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Provision exists to meet any increased expenditure to providers within the Council's approved budget.

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

6.1 **Children and Young People in Halton**

None identified.

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

None identified

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

The provision of care services that meet peoples needs improves their health and wellbeing.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

The provision of care services that meet peoples needs increases their safety and mitigates risks.

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.