

**REPORT TO:** Executive Board Sub Committee  
**DATE:** 18 March 2010  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director – Health & Community  
**SUBJECT:** Review of Fees & Charges – Health & Community Directorate 2010-2011  
**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To present to the Executive Board Sub Committee the proposed increases in fees and charges for Health & Community Care Services.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Executive Board Sub Committee approves the proposed changes in fees and charges outlined in Appendix 1.**

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The Appendices to this report show the current charges for social care services and the proposed charges for 2010-2011.

- Appendix 1 – Health & Community Services

3.2 Fees and charges for social care services listed have been inflated by 2.0% for 2010-2011 for residential services and non-residential services where a standard charge is applied.

3.3 Fees and charges for home care, day care and direct payments have been frozen. These charges are affected by the changes to the Fairer Charging for Non-Residential Services Policy already agreed.

3.4 Direct Payment hourly rates have been uplifted by 2.0% in accordance with the approved inflationary allowances allocated by the Council.

3.4 Fees and charges for Health and Community will be increased with effect from 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010 to coincide with the date of the annual increase in Benefits rates.

**4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None.

**5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Provision exists to meet any increased expenditure to providers within the Council's approved budget. Similarly, budgets were drawn up for 2010-2011, increasing charges by 2.0%.

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

**6.1 Children & Young People in Halton**

None identified.

**6.2 Employment, Learning & 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 The Local Government Act 2003 includes a general power for best value to charge for discretionary services i.e. those services that the authority has the power, but is not obliged, to provide. Guidance is issued under the power in section 93, which states charges are limited to cost recovery. The Department of Health's fairer Charging Policies for Home care and other Non-Residential Social Services Guidance, Sept 2003, states that where Councils charge for non-residential services, flat rate charges are acceptable.

**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

## SOCIAL CARE FEES & CHARGES

## APPENDIX 1

### SECTION 1 – CHARGES FOR CARE

	Current 2009-2010 £	Proposed 2010-2011 £
<b>Maximum Weekly Charge for Residential Care</b>		
Residential Care for Older People in Council homes (per week)	350.88	357.90
Dementia Residential care for Older People in Council homes (per week)	413.71	421.98
Adults with Learning Disability receiving respite services (per week)	504.18	514.26
Adults in Family Placements (per week)	369.51	376.90
<b>Meals in the Community</b>		
Family Placement Breakfast	1.72	1.75
Family Placement Lunch	2.14	2.18
Family Placement Tea	1.99	2.03
Meals - delivered to people in their own homes	2.82	2.88
Meals - Tea Time pack delivered to people in their own homes	1.96	2.00
Meals - Community Day Care	3.00	3.06
<b>Meals - Day Centre users</b>		-
Light Breakfast	1.16	1.18
Cooked Breakfast	1.78	1.82
Light Meal	1.65	1.68
Cooked Meal	2.20	2.24
<b>Visitors and Guests</b>		
Accommodation (per night)	10.40	10.61
Breakfast	2.63	2.68
Light Meal	3.37	3.44
Main Meal	4.59	4.68
<b>Maximum Charges for Community-based Care</b>		
Domiciliary Care (per hour)	11.35	11.35
Day Care (per session)	14.86	14.86
Family Placement (per session)	14.86	14.86
Dorset Gardens support charge (per week)	10.00	10.20
Handyperson Service (per hour)	N/A	5.00
Night time service (per week)	23.25	23.60
Charge those who receive High Rate DLA Care/AA the amount of Benefit they receive to pay for night care services in proportion to the amount of night care service that the Council pay to provide them with. A night care service is defined as a service either under a sleep in session or waking night service between the hours of 10pm to 8am.		
Transport (per journey) The charge is per trip to a maximum charge per week of £xx, except for service users on the higher rate of DLA Mobility component for whom it will be up to a maximum of 50% of the higher rate of DLA Mobility component. i.e. £xx per week. Trips beyond 10 miles of Halton's boundary to be charged separately.	1.03	1.05

*People's ability to pay charges for Residential Care is assessed under Government Guidelines (CRAG). Charges for Community Care are assessed under the Councils Fairer Charging and service users are given the opportunity to detail the extra spending they have as a result of their special needs before their charge for care is calculated.*

## SECTION 2 - COMMUNITY WARDENS/LIFELINE CHARGES FOR SERVICE

	Current 2009-2010 £	Proposed 2010-2011 £
Level 1 Call centre monitoring plus community warden reactive response. (Assessment and support plan, review within the first 6 weeks and then 6 monthly, unless further review is indicated.)	5.42	5.53
Level 2 Call centre monitoring plus reactive callout. Community warden visits up to two weekly, according to assessed need and support planning.	6.49	6.62
Level 3 Call centre monitoring plus reactive call out. Community warden daily visits according to assessed need and support planning. Assistive technology is provided according to assessed need.	8.65	8.82
Intermediate care, short term assessment and monitoring, including assistive technology	Non-chargeable	Non-chargeable

## SECTION 3 – FEES PAID TO CARE PROVIDERS AND SERVICE USERS

	Current 2009-2010 £	Proposed 2010-2011 £
<b>Direct Payments</b>		
Standard Rate - Personal Assistant (hourly rate)	9.35	9.54
Standard Rate - Agency (hourly rate)	10.70	10.91
Complex Rate - Personal Assistant (hourly rate)	11.36	11.59
Complex Rate - Agency (hourly rate)	11.36	11.59
<b>Payments for Adult Family Placements</b>		
Family Placement (per week)	369.51	376.90
Family Placement (per 6 hour session) 1 person	31.67	32.30
Family Placement (per 3 hour session) 1 person	15.84	16.16
Family Placement (per 6 hour session) 2 people	52.79	53.85
Family Placement (per 3 hour session) 2 people	26.40	26.93
Family Placement (per 6 hour session) 3 people	63.34	64.61
Family Placement (per 3 hour session) 3 people	31.67	32.30
Family Placement (night care per night)	52.79	53.85
<b>Charges to other Local Authorities</b>		
Older People in Residential homes (per week)	397.34	405.29
Older People in Residential Dementia placements in Council homes (per week)	570.78	582.20
Older People in Intermediate Care placements in Council homes (per week)	538.74	549.51
Adults in Supported Accommodation (per week)	504.18	514.26
Day Care - Older People (per session)	39.80	40.60
Day care - Adults with Learning Disability (per session)	59.12	60.30
Day Care - Adults with Physical/Sensory Disability (per session)	82.85	84.51
<b>Appointee/Receivership Charges</b>		
Securing Property	79.19	80.77
Continuous monitoring of property when the property holder is unable to do so (cost per hour)	21.11	21.53
Storage of Wills (annual cost)	15.84	16.16
Property searches, meter readings etc (cost per hour)	21.11	21.53
Duchy of Lancaster Referrals where people have died intestate	Actual cost	Actual cost