



CABINET – 9TH APRIL 2013

SUBJECT: NON-RESIDENTIAL SOCIAL SERVICES CHARGING TASK AND FINISH GROUP

REPORT BY: ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE

- 1.1 The report was considered by the Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on 26th March 2013. Having declared an interest at the beginning of the meeting, Councillors L. Ackerman and C. Gordon did not participate in the discussion or voting thereon.
- 1.2 The report sought the Scrutiny Committee's views on the final recommendations of the Non-Residential Social Services Charging Task and Finish Group.
- 1.3 The Scrutiny Committee considered the report and endorsed the recommendations contained therein as follows:-
 1. The Council increase the hourly rate for home care and supported living to £7.88 followed by a further increase of 10% per annum in subsequent years. To be reviewed after 5 years.
 2. The Council increase the daily rate for day care services to £3.24 followed by a further increase of 20% per annum in subsequent years. To be reviewed after 5 years.
 3. Service users residing in Extra Care facilities who are receiving domiciliary care services should be financially assessed under the Fairer Charging policy, to bring them in line with other non-residential service users.
 4. A report be brought to Health Social Care & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee at a future date that details the support element of home care, level of provision and recommendations on charging.
 5. The Council should include savings in the financial assessment for ability to pay a contribution towards non-residential social services.
 6. The Council should include in the policy a statement to state clearly circumstances when a financial assessment or charge will be waived or deferred. The statement to include a time limit of three months.
- 1.4 Members are asked to consider the recommendations.

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Appendix: 1: Report to Health Social Care and Well-Being Scrutiny Committee dated 26th March 2013 - Agenda item 6(1).