



CABINET – 13TH MARCH 2019

SUBJECT: NON RESIDENTIAL SOCIAL SERVICES CHARGING

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR – EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES

- 1.1 The attached report was presented to the Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on 5th February 2019. The report sought Members' views in respect of the proposed changes to the current non-residential charging model to ensure equity for all Service users and also that the Council is complying with the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.
- 1.2 The proposed changes include charging for the support element of domiciliary care, charging for day opportunities provided in a community setting and charging for day opportunities provided by independent and third sector providers.
- 1.3 Members were advised that inequities in the system have been identified. The current position is that individuals for the support element of domiciliary care that they receive are not being charged. Buildings based day care is subject to the non-residential charging policy whereas community based day opportunities where individuals access their local community often with 1:1 support is not subject to the charging policy. Charging for day opportunities provided by independent and third sector providers is also included.
- 1.4 The Scrutiny Committee discussed the report and proposals contained therein. They referred to the cross-party working group that had been established in 2013 that consisted of Members of the Scrutiny Committee, who considered this position at that time.
- 1.5 Members supported the recommendations in the report in principle with a change to paragraph 10.1 and 10.3. to include the duration of a 2 year period and not 5 years. Members considered this to be an opportune time to establish a Task and Finish Group to consider the policy and future charges and make recommendations to the Executive that will ensure that a coherent policy is in place for future years that is also fit for purpose.
- 1.6 Cabinet are asked to consider the attached report and the recommendations below from the Scrutiny Committee: -
 - (i) the charging for domiciliary support services via application of Caerphilly's Non-Residential Charging Policy which complies with the legislation as set out in the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, be agreed;
 - (ii) the proposal of charging for all buildings-based day opportunities at a daily rate and for community based day services at an hourly rate via application of Caerphilly's Non-Residential Charging Policy which complies with the legislation as set out in the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, be agreed;
 - (iii) the level of inflationary uplift in charges for non-residential care for 2019/20 and subsequent financial years continue to increase the hourly rate by 10% per annum and the daily rate by 20% per annum, for a period of 2 years and subject to review by a Task and Finish Group.

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Appendix 1 Non Residential Social Services Charging presented to the Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on 5th February 2019 (Agenda item 8).