

ANGUS COUNCIL – 16 FEBRUARY 2017

REVIEW OF NON RESIDENTIAL FEES 2017/18

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ABSTRACT

This report sets out proposals to amend non-residential fees and contributions for financial year 2017/18.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Angus Council :-

1. Approve no increase in the charge for Community Alarm for 2017/18 which will remain at £4.75 per week.
2. Approve an increase in the charge for Community Meals (Lunchtime) from £2.80 to £3.30 per meal.
3. Approve no increase in the charge for Community Meals (evening meal) which will remain at £2.80 per meal.
4. Approve an income disregard for under 60's set at the level of COSLA guidance as in previous years.
5. Approve an income disregard for over 60's set at the level of COSLA guidance as in previous years.
6. Approve an increase in the taper applied to excess income from 66% to 70%.
7. Notes that a separate report will be provided regarding residential and nursing homes rates once the national contract has been agreed.
8. Notes that a separate report will be provided regarding revisions to the unit costs of packages of care provided in house by Angus Council.

2. ALIGNMENT TO NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING OUTCOMES

This report contributes to the following local outcomes:-

- "Resources are used effectively and efficiently in the provision of health and social care services".

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 While the responsibility of overseeing Adult Services has now been devolved to Angus Health and Social Care partnership (effective 1st April 2016), the formal authority to charge for social work services remains with Angus Council. On that basis, Angus Council needs to formally approve the planned amendments to charges for 2017/18. The Angus Health and Social Care Partnership has considered charging arrangements for 2017/18 in the context of the overall financial position of the Partnership and the recommendations set out in this paper have been considered by the voting members of the Partnership Board.

Assumptions regarding the net financial impact of these proposals are reflected in the broader proposed budget settlement between Angus Council and Angus Health and Social Care Partnership.

4. PROPOSAL

4.1 It is proposed that from 10th April 2017, the flat rate charge for Adult Services are set as follows:-

- Community Alarm - £4.75 per week (2016/17 - £4.75)

- Community Meal (Lunchtime, including Day Care Meals) - £3.30 (2016/17 - £2.80). This increase brings Angus into line with a number of other Local Authorities across Scotland.
- Community Meals (Evening Meal) - £2.80 (2016/17 - £2.80)

The estimated increase in income from Community Meals (Lunchtime, including Day Care) is c£70k per annum based on 2700 lunches per week.

- 4.2 The income disregards are set each year in line with COSLA guidance which, at the time of writing, are not yet available.
- 4.3 The increase in the taper applied to excess income from 66% to 70% may mean that supported people pay more depending on their incomes and the support they receive (see example at appendix 2). The estimated increase in contributions is c£42k per annum.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The projected impact of the changes are described in the sections above. As noted at 3.1, assumptions regarding the above are reflected in the overall proposed budget settlement between Angus Council and Angus Health and Social Care Partnership.

6. RISKS

There are risks that the increase in lunchtime meal charges may reduce uptake with a potential impact on the projected revenue increase.

7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

There are equality implications arising from this report and an Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and is attached at appendix 1.

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Appendix 1 – Equality Impact Assessment

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Department Angus HSCP

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What is the budget proposal

Review of non-residential fees and contributions

Screening Process

Does the proposal involve or have consequences for the people the council serves or employs?

Yes No

If yes, proceed to Step 1 of the Full Equality Impact Assessment on page 2.

If No, please state why not.

If no, the proposal is not relevant and no further action is required.

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**EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT
FULL ASSESSMENT**

Step 1

What data/research is available to assess the likely impact of the budget proposal?

Data is held on all service users and the change may mean that those supported may pay a higher contribution.

Step 2

Is there any reason to believe the proposal could affect people differently due to their protected characteristic ie age; disability; gender; gender re-assignment; pregnancy/maternity; marriage and civil partnership; race; religion and belief; and sexual orientation? Please **place a cross** in each box that applies, and give details alongside.

Age

Disability

Gender

Gender Re-assignment

Pregnancy/maternity

Marriage and civil Partnership

Race

Religion and belief

Sexual orientation

Step 3

Is there evidence to suggest that any part of the proposal could unlawfully discriminate against people?

Yes No

If Yes, please give details.

Step 4

Can the proposal be seen to favour one section of the community?

Yes No

or deny opportunities to another?

Yes No

If Yes, please give details.

Step 5

Does the proposal advance equality?

Yes No

Or restrict equality?

Yes No

If Yes, please give details.

Step 6

Based on the work you have done, rate the level of impact for any of the equality groups of the proposal.

High Medium Low Unknown

Step 7

If during **Steps 2 - 5** there has been an adverse impact identified, consider if any adverse impact can be justified.

Yes No

Please give details.

The increase in charges and changes to tapers will bring in additional income to Angus Council which will be used to help provide services to Angus residents.

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Appendix 2

Using an example where a supported person has an assessed income of £300 per week and if, after allowing for disregarded income, housing cost etc they are left with £40 available income:-

Currently a taper of 66% is applied to this income resulting in a required contribution of £26.40 per week.

It is now proposed that, with a taper of 70%, the required contribution would rise to £28.00 per week. No contribution is required where a supported person's income is below the disregarded amount as only income available after disregarded income etc. is allowed for in the calculation. All supported people are offered a welfare benefits check before any contribution is calculated.