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REPORT TO: Members' Library Service

MEETING DATE:

BY: Director of Health & Social Care Partnership

SUBJECT: Adult Wellbeing – Revisions to Charges for 2016/17

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to make revisions to existing charges for Adult Wellbeing Services. These revisions are required to fulfil the Administration's budget commitment to generate an additional £25,000 from charges in 2016/17. These revisions have been made under delegated powers in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the revised charges for Adult Wellbeing Services.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Administration budget for 2016/17 was approved on 9 February 2016. This contained a commitment to increase existing charges for Adult Wellbeing services that would generate £25,000 income in the financial year.
- 3.2 A short-life working group comprising representatives of service users, carers and representing organisations working alongside Council officers had previously worked on a new Adult Wellbeing Charging Policy which was approved by the Cabinet in January 2015 as part of the corporate charging policy. This group was later reconvened to scope revisions on charges for 2015/16.
- 3.3 It was agreed that this group should be reconvened for a second time to consider options to revise existing charges in line with the budget decision for 2016/17. The working group met on a weekly basis between October and December 2015 to consider options.

- 3.4 As a result of agreements reached through these meetings, the following revisions to existing charges are being made under delegated powers. These changes will be communicated to affected service users at the earliest opportunity.

Service	Existing Charge (£)	Revised Charge (£) 2016/17	% uplift	Estimated Income (£)
Self funding rates for residential care (weekly)	560	576.80	3%	16,598
Frozen meals	2.80	2.90	3.2%	3,615
Care at Home Rate (Hourly)	12.50	12.88	3%	6,173
TOTAL				26,386

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 These changes are in line with the Council's corporate Charging Policy and fulfil a commitment within the Administration's 2016/17 budget approved on 9 February 2016.

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 An Integrated Impact Assessment will be carried out to assess and minimise impact.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial – These changes will generate £26,386 income in 2016/17 in line with the approved Administration budget target of £25,000.

The Scottish Government (SG) has proposed a change to threshold levels from 2016/17 in order to help alleviate poverty. As thresholds change during 16/17 in line with the new SG guidance it is likely that some clients will be assessed as no longer liable to pay a charge (those at the lower end of the income scale).

As a result of this the change in threshold will represent a loss of income to the Council and will in effect off-set the impact from the proposed increases on existing charges

A change in the threshold in order to remove more of an individual's income from an assessment for charges is entirely compatible with the need for a council to review and levy charges in order to stay in line with inflation and council costs

6.2 Personnel - None

6.3 Other - None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Adult Wellbeing Charging Uplifts spreadsheet

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