

Proposal Title	Changes to the Adult Care Charging Policy			
Proposal No.	SC21005			
Proposal Type	Service Delivery			
Directorate	Adult Social Care			
Service Area	Adult Care Operations			

#### Recommendation

- 1.1 Members are asked to consider the proposal to introduce new charges to maximise income to the Service:
- Introduce an arrangement fee for full cost payers of £10 per week for managed budgets.
- 1.2 The proposal will require consultation as part of the Savings Programme 2020/21– 2021/22.

#### Reason for Recommendation

2.2 To support the Council's requirement to deliver a balanced budget for 2020/21 – 2021/22.

### **Key Points for Consideration**

### 3.1 Overview of the proposal

It is proposed that a new charge is introduced to maximise income to the Service:

### Arrangement fee for full cost payers

The Charging Policy mandates that anyone with capital / assets worth more than £23,250 (excluding the value of the home for non-residential services) and/or sufficient income, will pay for the full cost of their care and support. These people are known as 'full cost payers'. For service users on managed budgets this means that we arrange care and support, pay the providers and then recharge the full cost of those services to the service user. The costs of this are not currently passed onto the service user. Some Local Authorities are now starting to introduce an administration charge to full cost payers to cover their costs.

### 3.2 Overall Impact of the proposed change

- Income is maximised.
- Charges cover the costs.

# 3.3 Impact on affected service

Increased income to the service

# 3.4 **Total savings**

Total net saving of £29k

### 3.5 Alternatives Considered

No alternatives were considered as part of this proposal.

Members could decide not to take the proposal forward and identify alternative savings proposals

## **Costs and Budget Summary**

5.1 The saving proposal is <1% of the total budget for the area of service affected. Table 1 provides details of the proposed saving:

	Savings £	2020/21 k	_	2021/22 k	Total savings £k		
	On- going	One off	On- going	One off	On- going	One off	
Employees							
Other Costs							
Income lost							
Net savings							
Additional	54				54		
income							
generated							
Total savings	54				54		
Implementation		-10				-10	
costs							
Admin costs	-25				-25		
Total savings minus investment	29	-10			29	-10	

# Risk and Policy Implications

## 3.1 Risk Implications

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Risk Description	Probability	Impact	Rating	RAG Status	Mitigating Actions	Probability	Impact	Rating	RAG Status
Risk: Reputational risk Cause Adverse publicity Consequence: increased complaints.	4	4	16	R	Early Comms Consultation	4	2	8	A
Risk: IT system changes Cause: Lack of resources within ICT Consequence: project does not proceed	4	4	16		Early engagement with ICT Consider use of providers to implement changes	2	3	6	A

# 3.2 **Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

## **Equality Impact**

There are no additional equality/community issues arising from this proposal.

## Consultation

7.1 This project is classed as Policy Change and external consultation would be required. General public consultation will be undertaken via the consultation hub

	Background Papers	Place of Inspection			
8.	None	None			

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