

DDM - Permission to implement increases to fees and charges for Adult Social Care as set out in this report

Options Appraisal

Option 1: Move to a full charge costing model.

This proposal retains a subsidy for those citizens using traditional day care and transport. Moving to a full charge costing model would substantially increase citizen's contribution for example specialist day care can range from £30 to £90 a day. Citizens using these services tend to be within the most vulnerable group of those receiving support from Adult Social Care. **(Not favoured)**

Option 2: Implement the proposal.

Those citizens using traditional day care and transport services will continue not to be charged the full cost of these services. This option includes,

- Introducing the fairer charging policy for those citizens receiving Care, Support and Enablement services.
- The charge for Traditional Day Care to increase from £5 to £12 per day.
- The charge for Traditional Transport to Day Centres to increase from £5 to £8 per return.

These increases to charges will contribute to the sustainability of services for elderly, disabled and vulnerable people. Adult social care charges are means-tested and citizens who receive these services are asked to contribute towards the cost if they're assessed as being able to do so. This means-testing is carried out to comply with the Government's financial assessment guidance which seeks to ensure no-one is asked to contribute more than they can afford and that citizens are accessing other benefits that might be available to them. This proposal will affect 395 citizens who currently use a combination of day care, transport and/or Care Support and Enablement. 200 citizens will see an increase of below £15 a week, 110 citizens will see an increase between £15.01-£40.00 week, 67 citizens will see an increase of above £40.01-£80.00 and 18 citizens will see an increase of above £80.00. Of the 147 citizens who currently only receive a service from the existing Care, Support and Enablement framework it is estimated approximately 100 citizens will be required to pay a contribution. This average contribution would be approximately £20 a week. **(Favoured)**

Option 3: Keep the existing arrangements for charges.

Nottingham City Council is committed to maintaining quality services for elderly, disabled and vulnerable people. However the context of government

cuts to local authority funding means we are unable to retain our generous historic subsidy. **(Not favoured)**