



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Cabinet Board

**Report of the Director of Social Services Health and Housing –
Andrew Jarrett**

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: ALL

Residential and Non-Residential Care Charging Policy

Purpose of the Report

To update the Residential and Non Residential Care Charging Policy (Appendix 1) in accordance with the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 i.e. SSWB Act 2014.

Executive Summary

The current charging policy was approved by members on 5th April 2018. This report is to request that the charging policy is updated to reflect any changes in legislation, to highlight dates and links with other social services policies.

Main Changes

- Highlight the dates when service users will be eligible for financial assistance, which is ordinarily from the date a financial referral is made. Should the submission of financial evidence requested exceed 28 days from the date of the funding request, then financial assistance will only be considered from the date that the accompanying evidence is received

- To provide an example of deprivation of assets, where someone intentionally reduces their assets - such as money, property or income - so these won't be included in the financial assessment for care home fees.
- Reference to NPT's Fairness of Service Provision Policy and Debt Recovery Policy

Financial Impact

None.

Integrated impact assessment

This function does not require an Integrated Impact Assessment. The charges proposed by the Council are in line with the legislation.

Valleys Communities Impacts

No implications.

Workforce Impact

None.

Legal Impact

The charging policy is in line with the SSWB Act 2014 and associated regulations.

Risk management

None.

Consultation

There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Members approve the updated Residential and Non-Residential Care Charging Policy as set out in Appendix 1.

Reason for Proposed Decision

To update the charging policy to reflect any changes in legislation and highlight links with other Social Services policies

Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Residential and Non Residential Care Charging Policy. The schedule of rates are included for information, having already been approved by members.

List of Background Papers

Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 and associated Regulations.

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