

**Glasgow City  
Integration Joint Board  
Finance and Audit Committee**

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**STANDARD UNIT COSTS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY CARE SERVICES 2017/18**

**Purpose of Report:**

To advise Finance and Audit Committee of the revision to standard unit costs in respect of residential accommodation and non-residential services provided by Social Work for older people, people with physical disability and other care groups.

**Recommendations:**

The IJB Finance and Audit Committee is asked to:

a) note the 2017/18 standard unit costs for residential accommodation and other care services as outlined at paragraph 3.2 of this report.

**Relevance to Integration Joint Board Strategic Plan:**

Not applicable.

**Implications for Health and Social Care Partnership:**

**Reference to National Health & Wellbeing Outcome:**

Not applicable.

**Personnel:**

Not applicable.

<b>Carers:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Provider Organisations:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Equalities:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Financial:</b>	Charges for non-residential social care services are raised in accordance with the Non-Residential Charging Policy. Each service user undergoes a financial assessment to ensure that they do not pay any more than they can afford, and never more than the cost of the service(s) received.
<b>Legal:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Economic Impact:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Sustainability:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Sustainable Procurement and Article 19:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Risk Implications:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Implications for Glasgow City Council:</b>	The proposed increase in standard unit costs will allow the achievement of the level of income approved in the Annual Estimates.
<b>Implications for NHS Greater Glasgow &amp; Clyde:</b>	Not applicable.

## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To advise Finance and Audit Committee of the revision of standard unit costs in respect of residential accommodation and non-residential services provided by the Council for older people, people with physical disability and other care groups.

## **2. Standard Unit Costs**

- 2.1 The NHS and Community Care Act 1990 requires local authorities to confirm a unit cost each year for accommodation operated and approved by it, and from which charges are derived.
- 2.2 Councils' non-residential charging policies have been developed within the parameters of community care legislation and guidance. COSLA produces guidance for local authorities on charging for non-residential care services that enable people to remain in their own homes. In conjunction with that national guidance, local authorities will determine their own charging policies in line with the principle of local accountability and discretion.
- 2.3 In line with the Council Scheme of Delegated Functions, which covers those Social Work functions delegated to the Chief Officer, fees and charges are reviewed by the Chief Officer on an annual basis in order to achieve the level of income approved in the Annual Estimates. Charges are amended in line with the rate of inflation, the up-rating of Department of Work and Pensions benefit increases, or in order to ensure full cost recovery of the service.
- 2.4 The amount contributed towards the unit cost by a client will be based on the client's ability to pay as determined by legislation, and based on a financial assessment and income maximisation for the client.
- 2.5 The new rates will be applied from 10 April 2017 in order to allow all elements of change noted in this report to be implemented, and to coincide with the up-rating of the Department of Work and Pensions benefit increases.

## **3. Unit Costs for 2017/18**

- 3.1 The unit cost for accommodation is based on a 1.0% uplift to 2016/17 budgets for residential establishments.
- 3.2 The unit costs are as follows:

### **i) Residential**

	<b>Unit Costs per week</b>	
	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
Residential Homes – Older People (Frail Elderly)	£590	£596
Residential Homes – Older People (Dementia)	£856	£864

## ii) Non-Residential Service Unit Costs

The unit costs for other non-residential care services are based on a 1.0% uplift to 2016/17 budgets as follows:

### Day Care Services

	Unit Costs per day	
	2016/17	2017/18
Day Care Services – Older People	£40.81	£41.21
Day Care Services – Physical Disability	£33.89	£34.22
Day Care Services – Learning Disability	£115.49	£116.64
LD Transport – Single journey	£10.81	£10.91

NB In relation to Older People Day Services, the client contribution will be limited to £15.38 per day, the net cost of the service having taken account of the tasks in relation to free personal care. This contribution includes transport.

### Cordia LLP Services

	2016/17	2017/18
Home Care Services (per hour)	£16.59	£16.75
Home Care Overnight Services (per hour)	£27.60	£27.87
Homecare – CAPA (per hour)	£25.11	£25.36
Community Alarms Service (per week)	£3.17	£3.20
Meals Service (Day Care – per 2 course meal)	£3.14	£3.17
Meals Service (Lunch Clubs – per 2 course meal)	£3.14	£3.17

Cordia Supported Living Services have been developed to support the HSCP's strategic objective of shifting the balance of care to support increased numbers of older people to remain at home. The unit cost for this service in 2017/18 is £19.65.

## 4. Recommendation

4.1 The IJB Finance and Audit Committee is asked to:

- a) note the 2017/18 standard unit costs for residential accommodation and other care services as outlined at paragraph 3.2 of this report.