

Changes to Social Care charges. What do you think?



These will change in **April 2021**



The Council are looking at changing some care and support charges

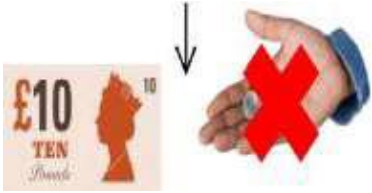


This is an Easy Read summary of the suggested changes.



You have your chance to **give your thoughts** on the changes

Why are we making changes?



The amount of money the Council is given is going down

The Council must have enough money to support people who need help



There are more and more people who need help



The Council wants to change how much some people pay for social care

This is so the Council is able to give help to people who need it

The changes are about



How your care may be provided



How much you pay for your care



How extra care housing will be charged



How extended short breaks are charged

Will these changes affect me?



Maybe.

A financial assessment will decide how much you have to pay for your care and support.

Care



What do we do now?

We provide you with the care that you need based on an assessment. We listen to you and your families views on how to give that care



How is this changing

If someone wants a more expensive type of support, the council will only pay the cost of the council assessed care

Do you think this is a good idea?

Yes

No

Not sure

Short breaks



What do we do now?

We provide short breaks for up to 4 weeks

How will this change?

People that stay **longer than 4 weeks** will be financially assessed to see what they can contribute to their care



Do you think this is a good idea?

Yes

No

Not sure

Extra Care Housing and Housing with Care

What do we do now?

We charge a set fee for extra care housing and housing with care, no matter what your level of care is

How this is changing

We will charge for your care needs based on three levels

Level 1 – up to 12 hours a week

Level 2 – 13 - 21 hours a week

Level 3 – over 21 hours a week

The amount you pay will be based on a financial assessment



Do you think this is a good idea?

Yes

No

Not sure

Paying for your care



What do we do now?

We look at all your savings, outgoings and income to see what you would pay towards your care



What is changing?

If you have savings over £16,000 you will be asked to pay for all of your chargeable care

Do you think this is a good idea?

Yes

No

Not sure

Paying for care (taper rate)



What do we do now?

We assess how much people can afford to pay

What is changing?

We are asking people who can afford to pay, to pay more



Do you think this is a good idea?

Yes

No

Not sure

Which services do you use?



Homecare Service

Housing Support



Welfare Benefit

Day Services

Sensory Services



Short Breaks



Direct Payments/Self Directed Support

Bordercare Alarm

Equipment/Adaptations



Transport

Intermediate Care



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