

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

TO: Social Work Committee	Subject:  REPORT ON STANDARD CHARGE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION OPERATED BY THE COUNCIL
FROM: Jim Dickie Director of Social Work	
DATE OF COMMITTEE: 22 March 2001	
REF: RP/ES	

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 To seek Committee approval for the uprating of the standard charges for residential accommodation operated by the Council for elderly and people with learning disabilities.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990 requires local authorities to set a standard charge each year for accommodation operated and provided by it.

**3. CURRENT SITUATION**

- 3.1 The current charge is the average cost of providing a residential place in homes operated by North Lanarkshire and it is not intended to set a different rate for each individual home.
- 3.2 A major review of the residential services provided by the Council was undertaken in the current year and the member officer review group presented its report to committee on 21 November 2000. Savings of £50,000 have been budgeted for 2001/2002.
- 3.3 It is proposed that the new rate would be applied from 16 April 2001 to coincide with the uprating of DSS pension increases.
- 3.4 The amount contributed towards the standard charge by a resident will be based on a financial assessment of the clients ability to pay as determined by legislation.

3.5 The proposed charges for long term care are as follows:

	<u>Cost per Resident Per Week</u>	
	2001/2002 Proposed NLC Charge	2000/2001 Actual NLC Charge
Residential Home for Elderly	£345.00	£330.50
Residential Home for People with Learning Disabilities	£537.60	£512.00

**4. SHORT TERM CARE (RESPITE) PROPOSED CHARGE FOR 2001/2002**

4.1 It is proposed to continue to operate a flat rate system where a standard client contribution is made towards the cost of respite care. The proposed flat rate client contribution towards the cost of respite care in local authority establishments for 2001/2002 is £56.45 per week (2000/2001 was £52.05 per week).

**5. RECOMMENDATION**

Committee is asked:

- ◆ to approve the standard charges for long term care as shown at 3.5 with effect from 16 April 2001
- ◆ to approve the flat rate client contribution for respite care as shown at 4.1 with effect from 16 April 2001



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